

Colony Council Proceedings

January 7, 1929
Regular meeting, present, Mrs. Dyson, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Smith, president presiding.

Minutes of regular meeting of Dec 17 read and approved

Minutes of special meeting of Dec. 2 read. Moved and carried that authorization to president and treasurer to execute note to bank for an anticipated need to complete tax payment be expunged from minutes; after which minutes were approved.

Following bills allowed:

Wm. Ruffles and Son, disconnecting water from bath-houses and Woman's Council bldg. 2.25
E. B. Gaston, sec., postage and other items expense 3.75
M. Smith, serv. dept lands and highways 3.40
J. A. Patterson, sund. items, wharf maint. 11.37
Drawing of orders for payrolls, wharf, Dec. 22 and 28, and Jan. 5, approved, total 16.50

Surrender by M. H. and L. M. Peterson of lot 3, blk. 33, Div. 2, accepted.

Surrender by Mrs. Bertha Mershon, of east 80 ft., by 115 ft. depth, of leasehold on Fairhope Ave., in blk. 8, Div. 1, accepted; subject to usual rule regarding improvements.

Moved and carried that parks and other unleased lands be posted against hunting, cutting trees, damaging shrubbery and setting fires.

Superintendent lands and highways reported that on consideration, he felt that Mr. Scrimshire, lessee of east half of sec. 14 of NW. 1/4 of Sec. 14, should have first opportunity to take saw timber thereon at appraised value, and being ready to pay for same in cash had let him have timber, to which Wm. Stimpson's sons had agreed. Moved and carried that action be approved.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to consider matter of lease and clearing on west half of sec. 14 of NE. 1/4 of Sec. 22. President appointed E. C. Wolcott, E. B. Gaston, and on suggestion of Supt. lands and highways himself, as such committee.

All action by unanimous vote. Adjourned

*Approved 1-21-29
E. B. Gaston Sec.*

Colony Council Proceedings

January 21, 1929
Council met in regular session; all members present, president presiding, C. A. Gaston acting as secretary on account of illness of E. B. Gaston, secretary.

Minutes of regular meeting of Jan. 7, read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson, sund. items wharf maint. 42.38
Marion Smith, serv. dept. lands and highways 6.60

Surrender by Mrs. Mary A. McCarthy of a portion of her property on George St. and White Ave. received.

Moved and carried that application be laid over until complete description of property is had.

Application of Mrs. Emma S. Bloxham for membership received presenting transfer of certificate of her father, Geo. L. Hopping, deceased. It was moved and carried that application be not accepted by Council.

The following petition for a referendum election was received and date for election fixed at Jan. 30, 1929.

We, the undersigned members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation hereby petition the Executive Council thereof, to call a referendum election, to be held within 12 days after the date hereof, upon the following question to be voted upon as a whole.

"Shall the present form of application for lease be discontinued and the form in use previous to it be adopted and shall Section Eleven of the present lease form be amended by omitting the words: 'This lease is assignable to members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, or to persons acceptable to it' and substituting for them the words: 'This lease is assignable to members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation or to white persons of good character who agree

to in no way actively oppose the application of the Single Tax Theory?'"

We do not ask this in a spirit of antagonism, but only in the spirit of cooperation and helpfulness in the continuation of our noble experiment.

E. J. Roberts, W. G. McConnel, Axel Johnson, Nettie F. Johnson, Dewey Wheeler, A. H. Mershon, J. R. Cross, L. J. Newcomb Comings, A. N. Whittier, Nelson Rockwell, Mildred W. Roberts, Clement L. Coleman, C. O. Whittier, Sarah L. Coleman.

Moved and carried to accept application of Mr. Gates for garden lease of land south of Mrs. Tibbets on east 1/2 of Blk. 19, was granted for six months, at half appraised rent, provided that three trees on land be not removed and lessee have no claim for improvements at expiration.

Application of Mr. Jeffcott for land for farm or pasture in Blk. 47, Mag. Beach, referred to Supt. Lands and Highways.

Mrs. K. B. Steele appeared before council complaining of condition of Brown St., and it was moved and carried that President act as chairman of a committee to investigate. President appointed Supt. Lands and Highways to act with him.

Moved and carried that superintendent of lands and highways be authorized to contract for turpentine leases on available Colony land.

All action by unanimous vote. Adjourned.

*Approved Feb. 4, 1929
E. B. Gaston, Sec.*

Meeting of Members

January 22, 1929

The annual pre-election meeting of the members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, was called to order in the Council chamber by president Call. Secretary Gaston being absent on account of illness, the minutes of the last previous members meeting were read by C. A. Gaston, who acted as secretary.

The minutes were, on motion, approved as read.

The Treasurer's report for 1928, was read as follows:

TRUSTEES REPORT For Year 1928

	Receipts
Rent	\$30,572.87
Penalty	428.20
Wharf	5,095.36
Telephone	78.67
Membership	300.00
Cemetery	86.34
Bath Houses	98.48
Stumpage	95.75
Leases	31.00
Wharf Savings fund	2,000.00
Street Improvements	726.88
Turp. Leases	68.00
Blas Place Rental	60.00
Refund Internal Rev.	378.59
Refund Peoples R. R.	53.25
Miscellaneous	56.24

Cash on hand, Jan. 1st 1928 578.28

Certificates 177.25

\$40,835.16

	Disbursements
Taxes of Lessees	\$17,565.60
Taxes for State & County	4,121.04
Taxes for Town	1,569.40
Add. State and County	
1927 Tax	18.17
Bal. Income Tax 1928	390.37
Mr. Jamieson, Atty. Income Tax	150.00
Auditing Income Tax	143.00
Highways	227.20
Wharf	3,156.30
Library	900.00
Salaries	1,500.00
Parks	290.41
St. Imp. Materials	496.05
St. Imp. Notes	784.73
Council Room & Lights	182.28
Computing Rents & Auditing	46.15
Tax Refunds	2,803.09
Bath. Houses	192.32
Insurance Premium	211.70
Wharf Telephone	83.30
Courier Ad.	150.00
Printing	192.72
Sec'y Postage	31.59
Sec'y Sundries	13.80
1927 Anniversary Dinner	31.42

St. Extension Brown St.	25.00
Fairhope Ave. Fill	201.60
St. Imp. Notes No. 4	3,281.56
Band Stand	25.00
Paved Curb and gutter	
D. 2 Blk. 1 and 2	141.67
Treasurer's Postage	14.88
Payment Mann Land	500.00
Int. on Mann Land	90.00
Surveying Cemetery	70.00
Premium Treas. Bond	19.15
Auto Blue Book Ad.	25.00
Library Roof	527.64
Miscellaneous	41.32
Mrs. Pilcher Copyright	25.00
1/2 St. Imp. Lots 5 and 6	
Blk. 19 div. 2	129.49

40,277.95

Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1928 429.96

40,707.91

Certificates 177.25

Total 40,835.16

The report of the Trustees was read by Trustee Mrs. Call, as follows:

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Fellow Members of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

We have rounded out another year of our corporate life and with each succeeding year your Trustees feel that our demonstration becomes more clear cut and convincing.

We have lived through the time when land was so plentiful and so inexpensive and our community wants so small that the difference between the working out of our policy and that ordinarily in vogue seemed slight. We have come to the time when land values have augmented to such an extent that it is apparent to all. The town has been intrusted with the administration of local affairs thus giving those who are not in accord with out views their equal voice in the conduct of the ordinary affairs of the community.

We have met the bugaboo of what would happen should expensive buildings be put up. The buildings that have gone up on Colony land the past several years, the Bank of Fairhope, the Colonial Inn Annex and others, have been as good as could be expected to be erected in a town of this size and the Colony still lives.

Land values have gotten great enough so that those who cannot use the land they have under lease are surrendering it to the Colony and it is becoming available for the use of those who do need it.

We have outridden the storm of speculation and though in comparison with the fictitious demand when speculation was at its height, we, in common with other communities in these United States find the demand for land light, still those of us who leased our land for real use are still making use of it in the same old way after the boom as before and it is the purpose of the Colony to furnish land for use not for speculation.

The Executive Council have been considering a revision of the cemetery charges for outside people, as it seems probable that we shall need all the room for members, lessees and their immediate families and your Trustees recommend immediate action in this matter.

We also recommend that immediate steps be taken to collect all overdue rents. This is a simple matter of business and it is not a kindness but the reverse to allow anyone to become long delinquent, with penalties piling up against him when it would be cheaper to borrow the money at the bank and pay the rent than it is to pay the penalty. It is also necessary for the information of the Executive Council that they be able to know what the income of the Corporation is to be.

Therefore we recommend that, not only should the past due rents be collected immediately but that the Treasurer be instructed not to allow any more rents to become delinquent but to send out the proper notice at the expiration of the time set in the lease and proceed to sell the improvements as provided in the lease. The Corporation is carrying out its part of the agreement and is expending its income (after the fixed charges of administration have been paid) for the benefit of its lessees and it must not permit those lessees who are in arrears on their rents to remain so at the expense of the whole community. Our rentals are a trust for the benefit of all who lease Colony land and we have no moral right to fail to follow out the contracts we have made to

the letter. It is our bounden duty to see that each lease holder completes his obligation to others.

We recommend that no more street work on curb and gutter be done in cooperation with the lessees until the overdue rents are collected. We cannot cooperate with the lessees to furnish the improvements they desire unless they cooperate with us to the extent of promptly meeting their obligations to us.

Sec. 2 of Art. III of our Constitution reads "The husband or wife of a member shall, upon signing the Constitution, also be considered a member and entitled to vote in the government of the Corporation while such relation exists in fact." Experience has demonstrated that the head and the heart do not always synchronize and your Trustees would recommend a constitutional amendment which would make the above read "The husband or a member or the wife of a member shall, upon application to and acceptance by the Executive Council, also be considered a member and entitled to a vote in the government of the Corporation while such relation exists in fact." There being no profits to accrue to our members, only the opportunity to help us make this demonstration a glorious success along the lines laid out for us there is no reason why we should have any members whose interests are not with us in this effort as set forth in our constitution. Since our lessees share equally with us all the advantages of our policy the only admirable reason for wishing to be a member of our Corporation is a sincere desire to help us.

One of our board feels very strongly that the term "Trustee" is a misnomer as it implies a financial trust and it might be well to also submit an amendment substituting the word "Supervisors" where Trustees are used.

It is apparent from conversation with many of our members that they are not as conversant with the provisions of our constitution as they should be. We ask all our members to reread the constitution, become familiar with its provisions as well as its spirit and to rededicate themselves to the task of making this not only the largest Single Tax Colony but the truest demonstration of the

Single Tax Policy in the world. Let us lay aside all selfish considerations and address ourselves to the task we assumed thirty-four years ago.

C. A. DARROW
ANNE B. CALL
A. E. SCHALKENBACH

After reading the above report, Mrs. Call said verbally that there was another matter which had come up too late to be considered in the written report. This was in regard to a petition presented to the Council the previous night, for the holding of a referendum election to decide if the Colony should return to the old form of application for land and amend the lease contract requiring the Colony to recognize all requests for transfers to white persons, of good character, who would agree to in no way actively oppose Single Tax theories, (which petition appears in full in Council proceedings of Jan. 21st.)

Mrs. Call said that the trustees after reading and studying the petition wished to advise the members that in their opinion the Corporation had no right to relinquish its power to decide to whom, other than members, it would lease its land; that it was contrary to the spirit and provisions of the constitution; and further that they considered it a grave error to inject the issue of race discrimination into the administration of the Corporation. The Trustees asked leave to file a supplemental report covering this matter.

The supplemental report was later filed as follows:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees in addition to the foregoing recommendations desire to call attention to the petition signed by fourteen members, that the form of application and lease adopted and used by the Executive Council during the past two years be amended to read as follows:

(See below.)

It is the opinion of the Trustees that the said petition is an illegal attempt to nullify the provisions of Article 8 Sec. 4 and Art. 15 of the Colony's Constitution without submission thereof to all the members as an amendment of the said constitution. This is an attempt by a majority vote of those present at a meeting to enact

what the constitution requires a three-fourths vote to enact.

We therefore recommend to the Council that no action be taken in the matter of submitting the petition to a referendum vote.

Signed A. E. Schalkenbach
Anne B. Call
Trustees.

After remarks by several members endorsing the various suggestions in the trustee's report, a motion to endorse same was adopted.

On request of the president the treasurer then read to the meeting the list of those delinquent on rent as shown by the books, totalling more than \$11,000 (against which it was estimated approximately \$6,000 might be covered by tax receipts, leaving a net balance due the Corporation of approximately \$5,000.) The matter was discussed and a motion carried "that it is the sense of this meeting that the treasurer be instructed to proceed with notice to delinquents and collect rents in accordance with the provisions of the lease contract and to keep rents more closely collected up in the future."

Other officers had no special reports to make and the meeting turned to nominations of officers; the offices to be filled being those of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, supt. lands and highways, supt. public services and one trustee.

E. C. Wolcott was placed in nomination for president, but declined. Mrs. D. K. Bancroft was nominated for trustee to fill the place of C. A. Darrow, who declined to serve another term.

No other nominations were offered, leaving all other offices with the incumbents as the only official nominees.

All action of the meeting was by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

PROCEEDINGS OF COLONY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY 26, 1929

January 26, 1929.

Council met in special session with all members present in response to call of the president as follows:

January 26, 1929.

To the Members of Executive Council of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation:

You are hereby called to meet in special session, at 3:30 P. M. today, in the Council Chamber, to reconsider the action taken Monday, Jan. 21, 1929, in regard to submission on Jan. 30th, 1929 of a proposed referendum to the members of the Corporation.

WILLIAM CALL, President

The president stated as reasons for calling this meeting the action of the Members Meeting of Tuesday evening January 22nd in approving the position of the Trustees, in holding that the proposed referendum was in violation of the constitution, and that this view was confirmed by Jas. H. Webb attorney for the Corporation, to whom he submitted it for his opinion, reading a letter from Mr. Webb to that effect.

It was moved and carried that the Council reconsider the action of Jan. 21, in calling an election for Jan. 30, to vote upon the proposition of petitioners.

After further consideration of the matter, the following resolution was presented by R. E. L. Connolly and its adoption moved by him and seconded by R. L. Rockwell, and on being put was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, on Monday evening, January 21st, there was presented to the Executive Council a petition in wording and with signers as follows:

Monday, January 21, 1929

"We, the undersigned members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, hereby petition the Executive Council thereof to call a referendum election, to be held within twelve days after the date hereof, upon the following question, to be voted on as a whole,

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Axill Johnson	J. R. Cross	C. O. Whittier
Nettie F. Johnson	Nelson Rockwell	Sarah L. Coleman
A. N. Whittier	L. J. Newcomb Comings	

AND WHEREAS, the Council, without then giving consideration to the subject matter of the petition from the standpoint of whether the action desired would be in harmony with the constitution, acted upon the same and set Jan. 30, 1929, as the date for a vote thereon.

AND WHEREAS, at a meeting of the members of the Corporation held on Jan. 22nd, of which all members had due notice, the Trustees in a communication to the members, held that the action sought by the petitioners referred to, would not be within the power of the members, except through an amendment which would require thirty days notice and the affirmative votes of three-fourths of the members; which view of the trustees was approved by the said member's meeting without a dissenting vote, and their position has since been confirmed by an opinion of Jas. H. Webb, attorney for the Corporation in the following letter to wit:

Mobile, Ala., January 26, 1929

Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,
Fairhope, Alabama

Gentlemen:-

You have submitted to me for my advice, concerning same, the following:-

(See petition to Council for referendum, as appearing above.)

Article 8, Section 4, provides that "Leaseholds shall be assignable, but only to members of the Corporation." This is modified by Article 15, authorizing the Executive Council to lease lands to non-members, at its discretion, and on such terms as it may provide. The proposition would be in effect, an amendment of both portions of the Constitution referred to, which could not be done, except by a three-fourths vote of all of the members of the Corporation, after thirty days' notice. If such change is desired, these propositions should be separately submitted, as some might favor one and be opposed to the other.

Yours truly,

J. H. WEBB

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved, that the Council rescinds its action of Jan. 21st, in providing for submission of the proposed referendum on Jan. 30, 1929, and that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to send a copy hereof to every signer of the said petition and also to every member of the Corporation.

*App'd Feb 4, 1929
E. B. Gaston Sec.*

Colony Council Proceedings

February 4, 1929

Regular meeting, all members present, but Mrs. Dyson excused during the meeting; president presiding.

Minutes read and approved of meetings of January 21st and January 26th. Minutes of members meeting of Jan. 22nd also read.

Treasurer's report for months of December and January received and read as follows:

Treasurer's report December 1st to Dec. 31st.

	Rec'd	Paid
Rent	\$5,075.18	
Penalty	52.35	
Wharf	230.19	
Telephone	9.00	
Leases	4.00	
Timber	42.00	
Cemetery	20.00	
Stumpage	10.75	
Sundries	6.25	
Trans. Saving		
Acct.	2,000.00	
Taxes for lessees	\$ 4,632.19	
State and County Taxes	4,121.04	
Town Taxes	1,569.40	
Highways	5.70	
Wharf	171.85	
Refund	1,186.13	
1924 St. Imp. Notes	22.32	
Salaries	125.00	
Premium Treas. Bond	4.15	
Reg. Courier Ad.	12.50	
Library	75.00	
Sec'y Postage, etc.	4.89	
Printing	4.25	
Office rent and light	15.19	
Sundries	29.95	
	\$7,449.62	\$11,979.56
Cash Nov. 30	4,959.90	
Cash Dec. 31		429.96
	\$12,409.52	\$12,409.52

R. E. L. Connolly, Treas.

Report of treasurer for month of January 1929.

	Rec'd	Paid
Rent	\$3,132.18	
Penalty	94.17	
Wharf	236.39	
Daphne Turp. Co.	350.00	
M. F. Northrop Turp.		
Lease	180.00	
Taxes		\$2,229.01
Highway		23.15
Wharf		189.85
Refund		162.74
Reg. Courier ad		12.50
Prtg. 1000 reprints		
Sec'y Address		11.00
Library		75.00
Salaries		125.00
Rent and Light		15.19
Sec'y Postage		3.75
Wharf Tel.		3.00
St. Imp. Notes		156.25
Wm. Ruffles & Son, on		
Bath Houses		2.25
	\$3,992.74	\$3,008.79
Cash Dec. 31	429.96	
Cash Jan. 31		1,413.91
	\$4,422.70	\$4,422.70

R. E. L. Connolly, Treas.

Following bills allowed:
Marion Smith, serv. lands and highways 5.45
J. A. Patterson, sund. items 5.22
wharf expense

H. B. Payne, road work in country	28.00
Ruffles & Son, plbg. wharf warehouse	3.64
N. Mershon, work in parks	7.05
Fairhope Courier, job prtg.	15.60
Wm. Call, exp. to Mobile on official business	2.20
H. H. Hill, road work in country	1.00
Mrs. A. B. Call, aud. reports of wharfinger	3.00
Automobile Blue Books, co-op. adv. in Blue Books	17.13
James and Free, road work in country	13.00

Approval given to drawing of orders for pay-roll of work on wharf maint., Jan. 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2, total 37.65

Agreement reported with J. V. Steadham on e. 1/2 sec. 1/4 of NW. 1/4 sec. 22, for payment on clearing of \$25, (rec'd in cash) \$115 for timber and two year lease of turpentine privilege for \$25 received in cash and credited on timber charge, balance to be paid within one year, and approved by Council.

Transfer Bank of Fairhope to Wm. Zepp, of so. 46 ft. of lot 8, blk. 6, div. 4, approved.

Contract between T. J. Larkin and Harry S. Gebhart, for purchase by latter from former, of improvements and leasehold cor. School and Stimpson streets, according to contract, copy of which was filed with Corporation, approved, subject to completion of payment according to contract and delivery of Larkin lease; and description in new lease to be according to replatting of land by action of Council, Jan. 16, 1923.

Application of Mike H. Jansen for lots 7, 8 and 9, blk. 22, div. 2, accepted subject to usual notice, and formal surrender by George Dyson of lots 7 and 8, he to be credited on rent due, for amount paid for clearing by Jansen.

Surrender by Mary A. McCarthy of the west 66 ft. of north 132 ft. and so. 79 ft. of no. 211 ft., of her holding in blk. 16, div. 2, was accepted.

Surrender by Norman Maddocks of lot 3, blk. 29, div. 2, accepted.

Surrender by Eloit Tuveson, of no. 1/2 of sw. 1/4 of SE. 1/4 of Sec. 11, accepted, with refund of one-half of amount paid for stumpage not used and returned to corp \$8.63.

Moved and carried that bal. of \$5.40 to Ladies Aid, Christian Church for anniversary dinner, (inclusive of guests and use of church auditorium) be paid.

Moved and carried to reconsider action of last meeting with regard to garden lease to Mr. Gates.

On reconsideration moved and carried, that 1-5 of usual rent be charged for garden season of six months, no permanent improvements to be placed on land, but lessee may remove any fence put up by him to protect his crops.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

*App'd 2/18/1929
E. B. Gaston Sec.*

Colony Council Proceedings

Regular meeting of Council. Members of Council present, Mrs. Dyson, Messrs. Connolly, Patterson and Rockwell. Mr. Patterson excused during session on account of illness in family. President Call presiding.

Minutes read and approved of last meeting, Feb. 4.

Trustees' report on result of annual election of Feb. 7 presented, showing result as follows:

Ballots cast, 39. For president, Wm. Call, 39; for vice president, E. C. Wolcott, 39; for secretary, E. B. Gaston, 39; for treasurer, R. E. L. Connolly, 39; for supt. lands and highways, Marion Smith 39; for supt. public services, J. A. Patterson, 39; for trustee, D. K. Bancroft, 38, C. A. Gaston, 1.

Following bills allowed:

D. K. Bancroft, serv. at election	\$1.50
Anne B. Call, serv. at election	1.50
M. H. Brown, serv. at election	1.25
M. Smith, serv. dept. land and highways	4.60
L. Chamness, street work, town	1.00
J. A. Patterson, sundry expense wharf	53.05

Drawing of orders for pay-rolls, whf. maint. 2-9 and 2-16 app'd 16.10

Transfer Ralph Heald to T. K. Molton, by affidavit showing sale of improvements and loss of lease, of se 1/4 of se 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 17, less streets on south and east and less 300x300 ft. in se. corner to Sherrill Oil Co., approved.

Application of W. T. Waller for two acres, 210x415ft. 4in. in sw. cor. of no. 1/2 of nw. 1/4 of SW. 1/4 of Sec. 11, approved, subject to usual notice.

Following petition received:

We, the undersigned members of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, hereby petition the Executive Council thereof to call a referendum election, to be held within fifteen days after the date hereof, upon the following question:

"Shall the present form of application for lease be discontinued and the form in use previous to it be adopted?"

Signed by E. J. Roberts, Mildred W. Roberts, F. H. Mallory, Mary E. Mallory, Thos. H. Bowen, Dollie M. Bowen, Axil Johnson, W. G. McConnell, C. A. McConnell, A. H. Mershon, Nettie F. Johnson, J. R. Cross, C. O. Whittier, A. N. Whittier.

Moved and carried to call the referendum election prayed for, to be held on Saturday, Mar. 2.

Moved and carried that a meeting of members be called for discussion of the proposed referendum, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26, in Council chamber.

Moved and carried that secretary be instructed to write Mr. Mask and ask by what authority he was burying persons in Fairhope Cemetery, without consulting the proper parties. All action by unanimous vote.

Meeting of Members of Fairhope S. T. Corporation

February 25, 1929.

Meeting of members called by Council to discuss the referendum proposition to be voted on Saturday. Small attendance on account of bad weather and conflicting interests, and also because of the failure of any favoring the referendum proposal to come out and state their reasons for the same.

Petition for the referendum read, also the call of the Executive Council for the election to be held on March 2 to vote on the same, and the notice sent to members regarding the election.

General discussion of the matter by those present.

An argument against the proposition to be voted on and in favor of continuing the present form of application was read and discussed.

Moved by M. Dyson, seconded by James Gaston, that the argument be approved by the meeting and a copy be placed in the hands of every member before the election.

Argument appears on next pg.

Statement to Members of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation

Approved by Unanimous Vote of Members Attending
Meeting February 26, 1929, of Which All Members
Were Notified and Urged to Attend.

FELLOW MEMBERS OF FAIRHOPE SINGLE TAX CORPORATION:

You have been called to express yourselves by a referendum vote, on the following proposition:

"Shall the present form of application for lease be discontinued and the form in use previous to it be adopted?"

Submitted because of a petition therefor, signed by the following:

E. J. and Mildred Roberts, W. G. and Carrie A. McConnell, F. H. and Mary E. Mallory, Thos. H. and Dollie M. Bowen, Axil and Nettie F. Johnson, C. O. and A. N. Whittier, J. R. Cross and A. H. Mershon.

The following reasons are presented why you should vote against this proposition:

While the applications in force prior to Dec. 21, 1925, embodied IN PRINCIPLE everything included in the form now in use, experience has fully demonstrated that there are unfortunately, plenty of people, who will without hesitation take the pledge always required, that having read the constitution "while I hold lease of Fairhope land I will not oppose the full application of the principles therein set forth and contracted in your leases," neither having read the constitution nor having any serious idea of conforming to what all must know is the central principle set forth in constitution and lease contract, that there shall be no profiting from land otherwise than FROM ITS USE.

On one occasion at a meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce when the revision of the application form was under discussion, several presumably honorable gentlemen, lessees, even denied having signed the former application, though they had done so from one to several times, as evidenced by their signatures then in the Corporation's files.

Even some members having not only made the pledge required in the application for land, but the higher pledge of membership in the Corporation, have been known to violate the same, by collecting or trying to collect "bonuses" for transfer of unimproved lots, or prices notoriously out of any fair relation to the value of improvements, for transfer of improved holdings.

These cases were comparatively few—though they hurt-

ful to the Corporation and casting doubt upon the sincerity of purpose of its members—when the Corporation had an abundance of land of approximately the same desirability, but as the more desirable lots appeared about to be taken up (and to some extent, as could be shown from a PURPOSE to take lots to hold them for exaction of bonuses) such instances became more numerous; while, with the apparent approach of the Florida boom, which some of our own people were hailing with delight and even trying to get in line to profit from by joining in speculative land ventures in the immediate vicinity, our principles seemed about to be lost sight of by a large part of our lessees and to a distressing extent by members. The asking of bonuses for unimproved lots began to be the rule and asking prices for improved leaseholds soared to unreasonable heights.

Land speculation is bad enough, according to the claims of all who profess belief in the Single Tax principle by whatever method applied; but when land of an organization conceived for the purpose of fighting land speculation, and making a demonstration of the benefits of administration of land FOR USE ONLY as against trafficking in it for profit, is seized for purposes of speculation against a signed pledge not to do so, that organization is certainly outraged and its loyal members, who cherish its purposes have not only the right but it is THEIR DUTY to take such steps as will prevent further such breaches of faith and assure the carrying out of its purposes unimpaired.

To this end the form of application now in use, was, after full discussion in the executive council and by members of the Corporation, adopted on Dec. 21, 1925. It embraces nothing not implied in earlier applications, but makes the applicant definitely pledge not to DO THE ACTS which would violate his pledge, and gives the Corporation effective remedy in case of violation. Much has been made of the matter of the Council appointing committees for valuation of properties, but examination will show that there is no provision for this in the present form (copy of which is attached) but provision, only in cases which it is believed would be rare, when the council refused approval of transfers because of evidence of wholly unreasonable charge for improvements, for participation by the lessee on equal footing with the Council, in choice of appraisers, whose finding would be binding on the Council but not on the transferer.

Under the present form transfers of improved properties and new applications for land have been made continuously, and there is no reason to believe that any person wanting our

land for use in harmony with our purpose and with disposition to honor the pledge always required and which would still be required if the former application were reverted to, has been deterred from applying because of the present form, or would be so prevented. Though there is plenty of reason to believe that some who, with the secretary given opportunity to explain the application to them would have readily signed it and taken unused land for improvement or bought improved leaseholds,

have been discouraged from doing so, by certain parties with unlimited time at their disposal, because not engaged in any useful occupation, who have from their "sidewalk offices" misrepresented the Colony policy in this and other respects and cast aspersions on the integrity and sincerity of its officers.

We regret to state, though we feel called upon to do so by the importance of the situation, that while we do not question the good intentions of all who have signed the petition for the pending proposal, we believe it can be shown that some who are actively promoting it, are not and never have been convinced Singletaxers; that they have at various time denied belief in important Colony policies and benefits arising from the same and that in this effort they are advising with, consulting and in close cooperation with others outside the membership who are openly opposed to our principles and policies.

There may be among the membership some who really cherish our principles (of course no one has honorable place among us who does not) who think this matter is not of great importance; that we got along for years fairly well under the old form of application and that to return to the same might be yielded to objecting members in the interest of harmony. We are aware that in circulating recent petitions studied efforts have been made to present the same as moves which would bring about a better feeling among dissatisfied members and probably prevent some terrible but not well-defined danger to the Colony—which is in fact non-existent. Yielding in this respect—and it means nothing if not that it will weaken the safeguards against misuse of Colony land—will only whet the appetite for further attack on our fundamentals. Your attention is called to the fact that only a few weeks ago largely the same group presented a petition for a referendum on a proposition which was in violation of two provisions of the constitution, evincing either such ignorance of the constitution, or willingness to attempt to secure action which would be in violation of it, as to disclose them as unsafe leaders.

We wish particularly to call your attention to the fact which is visibly proven all about us—though constantly denied—as all facts except mathematical demonstrations are denied by some—that Fairhope has far outgrown any community along the Eastern Shore and that the most of the growth and development here is on the land of our corporation; that in contrast not one of the speculative ventures nearby, though some of them have been promoted by modern methods of ballyhoo designed to sweep people off their feet by hope of quick riches from increasing land prices, including auctions with gambling devices and the building of sidewalks through land which ought to be left for years to come for farms and orchards, can be said to have succeeded and the net results in way of building and increased population are infinitesimal in proportion to money invested and effort put forth, with present tendency of values downward instead of upward; so that you should give small consideration to claims which we know are being made, that a reversal of policies pursued hitherto would result in new activity here.

Conditions are not good throughout the country, worst where land speculators have been the most active. Do not be deceived by the idea that better times can be brought to Fairhope by encouraging land speculators in any degree.

Real Singletaxers will not want to prosper by such means if such prosperity were possible.

Those who do not believe in our policy have abundant opportunity to demonstrate what they can accomplish by the contrary policy, all around us.

By holding our land sacred to the purpose for which it was acquired and dedicated—which means keeping it open to users, without "bonuses" for transfer of unimproved lots, or exorbitant prices for transfer of improved property and leaving those who do not like our policy to operate outside, Fairhope may get the benefit of BOTH POLICIES—if there is benefit in the other policy, while other towns can benefit only from the everywhere else prevailing policy.

We have nothing to gain in way of prosperity and everything to lose from the standpoint of principle by listening to the pleas of those who at heart are eager to reap "unearned increment" or who cannot work in harmony in any effort unless they are permitted to lead.

This argument has been directed chiefly to the necessity of providing means for the Colony to protect itself against violations of the pledge of lessees to "not oppose the full application of the principles set forth (in our constitution) and contracted in our leases," embodied in all forms of application in use since Nov. 1905. Probably most of the signers of the petition under consideration have in mind that it is the intention to go back to the form in use from Nov. 1905, to December 7, 1925.

However, this would not be the effect of carrying the proposition to be submitted on March 2nd, because its language is that the "form in use previous to it (the present form) be adopted" and there was in use from Dec. 7, to Dec. 21, 1925,

another form, which was printed and in use, which contained the following clause:

"And I agree that my lease may be declared forfeited if it be shown that I have violated this agreement with regard to an unimproved leasehold, and if to an improved leasehold that the Corporation may refuse approval of the proposed transfer, or if a transfer shall have been effected for an excessive consideration without the knowledge of the Corporation, the Corporation, may, on ascertainment of the fact have a right of action against me within six months of approval of the transfer by its Executive Council, for the recovery of the excess above a fair valuation as above provided and apply any sum recovered to its 'Land Fund.'"

Even those who are strong for the present form of application do not want to go back to so drastic a proposition as this.

ing been made by E. R. Green in due form and lease to be issued to him on notice of completion of payment according to contract.

Secretary reported agreement between D. C. and Gladys Stapleton and Hermina Aust and Clara Campbell, for former to take lot 3, blk. 33, div. 2, instead of lot 5, granted at last meeting of Council, in order to let latter have three lots 4, 5 and 6, together. It was moved and carried that D. C. and Gladys Stapleton be leased lot 3, in lieu of 5, (application to be changed accordingly.)

Application of Hermina Aust and Clara Campbell, for lots 4, 5 and 6, blk. 33, Div. 2, accepted subject to usual rules of notice, etc.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

App'd 4-2-29

E.B. Gaston Sec

Colony Council Proceedings

(No meeting March 4, on account of weather and illness.)

March 11, 1929.

All members Council present, President Call presiding.

Minutes of meeting of Feb. 28, 1929, read and approved.

Minutes also read of members' meeting of February 25, 1929.

Report of trustees on referendum election of March 2 received, showing votes cast, 47; 1 yes, 45 no, one spoiled, proposition lost.

Treasurer's report for February presented as follows:

Report of Treasurer for February	
Receipts:	
Rents	\$3301.97
Penalty	62.45
Wharf	303.23
Expenses:	
Taxes	2124.48
Highways	37.78
Wharf	198.01
Refund	292.70
Regular Courier Ad.	12.50
Rent and Light	12.50
Job Printing	15.60
Salaries	125.00
Library	75.00
Annual Colony Dinner	5.40
1924 Street Improvements	15.90
Work in Parks	7.05
Services Trustees at Election	2.75
Sundries	2.20

Cash Jan. 30	\$3567.65	\$2947.00
Cash Feb. 28	1413.91	
	\$5081.56	\$5081.56

Respectfully Submitted,

R. E. L. Connolly,

Treasurer.

Encouraging communication from Attorney W. D. Jamieson on claim for exemption from income tax, read.

Following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson sund. whf. exp.	\$21.54
Anne B. Call, trustee at election	1.50
D. K. Baneroff, "	1.50
A. E. Schalkenbach, "	1.50
Fairhope Courier, job printing	23.15
A. B. Call, aud. Whf's accts.	2.00
Stimpson's Sons, wood, treas. off.	7.00
E. B. Gaston, postage, tel., etc.	7.95
Fairhope Coal & Supply Co	
cement for culverts in country	6.00
R. E. L. Connolly, postage, etc.	6.42
Ernest Gabel, work on Morphy Avenue, in country	24.00
Approval given to drawing orders for pay-rolls, wharf maint. 3-2 and 3-9,	17.50

Transfer N. E. Remmen by Inga A. Remmen, executrix and sole legatee, to Susie M. Baumhauer, of lot 4, blk. 12, div. 2, approved.

Transfer Luther M. Clements by Minnie C. Harvey, inheritor, to Wm. McIntosh and Elva H. McIntosh, west 264 feet of lot 1, block 9, div. 1, approved.

Application of D. C. Stapleton and Gladys Stapleton for lot 5, blk. 33, div. 2, subject to payment of \$5 for clearing.

Application of D. E. Salyers for e. 1/2 ne. 1/4 of NW. 1/4 of Sec. 11, approved, subject to appraisement of timber and payment therefor.

Secretary reported formal surrender by George C. Dyson of lots 7 and 8, blk. 32, Div. 2, and execution of lease to same to Mike H. Jansen.

Secretary reported request of Mrs. Carrie McConnell for permission to cut trees below bluff interfering with view. Moved and carried that request be not granted.

Treasurer reported list of lands on which rents were so delinquent as to make leases liable to forfeiture if unimproved, or improvements to be sold for collection of rent, if improved. Moved and carried that treasurer be instructed to declare forfeited lands on which rents were more than three months delinquent, if reported unimproved or the improvements of insufficient value to cover rent and cost

of collecting same by secretary and supt. lands and highways.

Moved and carried that treasurer be authorized to have an additional cabinet made for storage of records and supplies.

Moved and carried that unless such action as Mr. Webb recommended can be taken within a short time, the improvements on Braam-Thornton place be advertised for sale.

Moved and carried that secretary prepare suitable resolution on the death of Brother Wm. Edgerton, same be spread upon the records, furnished the local paper, and a copy furnished the family.

Desire of Mr. Steele to secure pasture lease to land in hollow beyond Beatty garage reported. Moved and carried that supt. lands and highways be authorized to let Mr. Steele have what land was available on terms fair in comparison with what was charged Mr. Ewald for similar land and report to Council.

Moved and carried that Walter Mask be notified to settle for grave space in which Mr. Lufkin was buried and to take no steps toward burying anyone else in cemetery without first securing written permission from person in charge.

Moved and carried that president and secretary be authorized to have suitable stereopticon slides prepared to show what Corporation is doing for public benefit and contract with The Playhouse for showing same.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

App'd 3/18/29

E.B. Gaston Sec

Colony Council Proceedings

March, 18 1929

Colony Council met in regular session, with all members present but Mr. Rockwell, President Call presiding.

Minutes read and approved of last meeting, March 11.

Bill of Marion Smith, for serv. dept. lands and highways allowed \$5.00

Drawing of order for pay-roll wharf maint. week ending Mar. 16, approved \$9.80

Transfer Mrs. Marget Dyson to Mrs. Gavina T. Hill, of west half of lot five, blk. 10, (formerly blk. 3) div. 1, approved.

Transfer by Ward B. Martin, to Axel Johnson, of south 30 ft. of east 52 1/2 ft. of lot 2, blk. 12, div. 1, approved.

Approval given to contract between Ward B. Martin and Wm. H. Zepp, covering sale of improvements and transfer of lease to following described land: east approx. 20 ft. 10 in. of no. 135 ft. of lot 2, blk. 12, div. 1; also strip 10 ft. in width, so. line of which is 135 ft. from Fairhope ave., extending west from foregoing 31 ft. 8 in. in rear of H. P. Kamper holding, application having been made in due form by Wm. H. Zepp, and lease to be issued to him on notice of completion of payment according to contract.

Approval given to contract between Otto Quade and E. R. Green, covering sale of improvements and transfer of lease, of lots 1 and 8 and no. 1/2 of lots 2 and 7, blk. 2, div. 4, app'n hav-

Colony Council Proceedings

March 29, 1929

Special meeting of Council, with Mrs. Dyson, Mr. Connolly and Mr. Patterson present and President Call presiding.

Reading of minutes dispensed with on motion.

Moved and carried that transfer from Mrs. Amelia E. Riley, executrix and sole legatee of the late Julia G. Mackintosh to Frank B. Stephens of lot 3, and east 9 ft. of lot 4, blk. 8, div. 2, be approved.

Moved and carried that application of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Connolly for lot 1, blk. 7, div. 3, be accepted.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

App'd 4-2-29

E.B. Gaston Sec

April 2, 1929

Regular meeting. All members present; President Call presiding.

Minutes read and approved of regular meeting of March 18 and special meeting of March 29.

Following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson, sundry items of wharf expense	\$1.01
Gaston Motor Co., damage to truck on wharf, (half)	8.50
Klumpff Motor Co., rep. truck damaged at wharf	4.05

Mrs. A. B. Call, aud'g wharf-inger's accounts 1.95

Marion Smith, serv. dept. lands and highways 9.55

Ernest Gabel, work on country roads 13.50

Fairhope Courier, job work 10.40

Drawing of orders approved for pay-rolls of wharf work 2-23 and 3-30 18.20

Surrender by R. E. L. Connolly of lot 3, blk. 32, div. 2, accepted.

Transfer by Clarence M. Brady to wife, Virginia I. Brady, of joint and equal interest in lot 19, blk. 9, div. 1, approved.

Transfer Ezra A. Sarah J. and Hildreth M. Cross to John and Lilly Schneider of lot 7, blk. 4, div. 2, approved.

Transfer Cyrus L. Sibley to Emily Russell, of lots 4 and 5, blk. 9, div. 1, approved.

Secretary reported the following resolution on the death of Brother Edgerton, copy of which signed by the president and secretary had been sent his family:

"Resolved by the Executive Council of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation,

"That in the death of our Brother Wm. Edgerton this corporation has sustained a real loss; that he proved himself loyal to his professions and obligations as a member and helpful in many ways and his memory will ever be cherished;

"That we extend to his bereaved wife and daughter our sincere sympathy in their greater loss; that they be furnished a copy of this resolution, the same be spread upon our records and published in the Fairhope Courier."

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

App'd 4/15/29

E.B. Gaston Sec

Colony Council Proceedings

April 15, 1929

Council met in regular session, with all members present, president presiding.

Minutes read and approved of meeting of April 2, 1929.

Mrs. Albers and Mrs. Sandt, representing recently organized Local Emergency Case Committee, affiliated with the County Welfare Work, appeared before Council to request endorsement of the organization. It was moved and carried that the Council endorse the organization and its purpose.

Following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson, sundry items wharf exp. and maint. 43.00
Fairhope Coal and Supply co., material for wharf repair 8.90

Drawing of orders for pay-rolls, wharf rep. work Apr. 6, 9.80; April 13, 8.40, approved.

Drawing of orders to Town of Fairhope for \$193.50 for assessment account Fairhope Avenue fill and culvert; and for assessment for Street Improvement Series No. 4, (north side Fairhope Ave.; west side Section St.; Mobile, Ave.; and Fels Ave.) \$3,148.53 reported.

Treasurer's report for March presented as follows:

TREAS. REPORT FOR MARCH

RECEIPTS	
Rent	\$4,183.01
Penalty	19.73
Wharf	422.79
Clearing Timber	31.00
Leases	8.00
EXPENSES	
Taxes	\$2,867.40
Highways	53.00
Wharf	182.00
Salaries	125.00
Rent of office & light	15.50
Reg. Courier ad.	12.50
Library	75.00
Sec'y. Sund. Tel. post, etc.	7.97
Job Printing	23.15
Service of Trustees at elec.	4.50
Treas. stamps and sup.	6.42
Cash Feb. 28,	\$4,664.53
Cash March 31,	2,134.56
	\$3,372.44
	3,426.65
	\$6,799.09

R. E. L. Connolly, Treas.

Cemetery Committee made a partial report and asked for further time.

Moved and carried that culvert be put on Fairhope Ave., at junction of south Brown St., with approval of Town.

Moved and carried that Supt. Lands and Highways examine into complaint of Mrs. Tibbetts regarding water from adjacent land flowing over and damaging her holding.

Transfer Amelia E. Riley, executrix and sole legatee of the late Julia G. Mackintosh, to Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Inc. of the Boys Industrial School, Mobile, of lots three and five, Satsuma Park plat of east half SE 1/4 of Sec. 10 approved.

Transfer by Hermina Aust and Clara Aust Campbell of lot 4, blk. 33, div. 2, to John R. Campbell, approved.

Transfer by Sarah Hiestand, surviving co-tenant with full right of survivorship, to Elizabeth H. Smith, of like co-tenancy with right of survivorship, of No. 84 ft. of W. 148 ft. of blk. three, div. 1, (as more fully described in lease of March 14, 1922) approved.

Transfer by Sarah Hiestand as surviving co-tenant with right of survivorship to Dwight W. Hiestand, of like joint and equal interest in Lot 6, blk. 29 div. two, and south 26 ft. of lot 10, and north twenty-nine ft. of lot 11 blk. 13, Div. 1, approved.

Secretary reported receipt of application for membership from Mr. Hartley Dennett and referring same to president as Mr. Dennett would be leaving for the north before Council met again. President reported that under the circumstances he had named a committee consisting of Mrs. Call, Mr. Rockwell and Mr. Schalkenbach to interview Mr. Dennett before his leaving.

The committee named reported through Mrs. Call that they had examined Mr. Dennett and had found him fully understanding and in sympathy with the Corporation principles and policies and recommended acceptance of his application.

It was moved and carried that application of Hartley Dennett for membership be accepted.

Moved and carried that the amendment to the form of application for membership in the Corporation, adopted Nov. 16, 1925, be itself amended by substitution of the word "on" for the word "without" in the last sentence, making the same read as follows:

"Further; I hereby pledge on my honor that I will not if a lessee, charge nor accept from any one a 'bonus' for the transfer of a leasehold in unimproved condition, nor an excessive price, out of any fair relation to the value of the improvements for the transfer of the same with improvements thereon. Also that I will not, while a member, buy any land for sale at a profit, in the near vicinity of the Colony. And I agree that the establishment of the fact of my violation of these conditions shall be cause for the forfeiture of my membership, on repayment of the membership fee."

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

Colony Council Proceedings

May 6, 1929

Regular meeting of Council; all members present, president presiding.

Minutes read and approved of last meeting, April 15.

Treasurer's report for April presented as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 1929

	Recd.	Paid
Rent	\$3,086.50	
Penalty	73.29	
Wharf	243.95	
Cemetery	25.00	
Membership	100.00	
Leases	5.00	
Taxes		\$1,558.00
Highways		34.05
Wharf		242.06
Salaries		125.00
Rent		14.00
Reg. Courier Ad		12.50
Last payment Fairhope Avenue Fill		193.50
Service of Trustee		1.50
Courier Job Printing		10.40
Library		75.00
Fuel for Treas. Office		7.00
Fourth payment St. Imp. series No. 4		3,148.53
Cash on hand	\$3,533.74	\$5,421.54
Mar 31	3,426.65	
Cash on hand		1,538.85
April 30		\$6,960.39

R. E. L. CONNOLLY, Treas.

Following bills allowed:

Fairhope Coal & Supply co., mdse. for whf. rep. \$37.13
Gaston Motor Co., oil, whf. maint. 5.00
J. A. Patterson, sund items wharf maint. 10.25
E. B. Gaston, sec., postage, etc 3-6 to 5-6 2.92
Marion Smith, serv. dept. lands and highways 13.40

Approval given by motion to issuance of orders for payrolls of wharf work as follows: April 20, \$11.20; April 27, \$11.90; May 4, \$11.90.

Moved and carried that contract between Harriet M. Patterson and R. Roy Moyers and Anne H. Moyers for purchase by latter of improvements and leasehold interest of former on lot 7, blk. 28, div. 2, according to copy filed with corporation, be approved and Corporation will, on notice of completion of payment and signing of usual form of application by transferee make lease accordingly.

Transfer by O. J. Armstrong and Emma D. Armstrong to Arthur W. Armstrong of joint and equal interest in lot 17, blk. 3, div. 3, approved.

Moved and carried that, on advice of attorney, the improvements on and leasehold interest in east half se. 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 16, be sold for delinquent rent, June 1, 1929, after publication of notice thereof in three issues of Fairhope Courier.

Supt. Lands and Highways reported that he did not consider Corporation responsible for drainage from other property on to Mrs. Tibbetts lot.

Moved and carried to discontinue furnishing bathing suits and that Beach Committee see what is best arrangement can be made for the handling of bath-houses for the season.

Adjourned.

All action by unanimous vote.

Colony Council Proceedings

May 20, 1929.

Regular meeting; all members present, president presiding.

Minutes read and approved of last meeting, May 6.

Bill of J. A. Patterson, for sund. items whf. maint. approved \$13.91

Approval given to drawing of orders for wharf pay-rolls 5-11 \$11.20, 5-18 \$12.60.

Drawing of order reported for third payment to Norman Maddocks on contract for Mann land, in Section 14, \$500.00 and same approved on motion.

Treasurer reported on much delinquent lessees.

Communication read from Attorney W. D. Jamieson, reporting favorably on prospects for securing exemption from federal income tax.

Communication read from Attorney J. H. Webb, relative to title of Corporation to land on south side Blk. 33, Div. 2, partially enclosed by fence of Rathjes and negotiations between president and secretary and Rathjes, with agreement of Rathjes to withdraw all claim to the land, and give 23 ft., for half of 50 ft. street between Church St., and Summit St., if Corporation will build on new line fence similar to that built on extension of Church street.

It was moved and carried that president be authorized to enter into such agreement with Rathjes and have fence built.

Transfer Joseph and Josephine Schuller to Clarence and Mollie Keller of lot 11 blk. 32, div. 2, approved.

Request of Dwight W. Hiestand for lease to him alone, of lots, to which transfer was approved to him on April 15th, of joint and equal interest, with right of survivorship, from his mother Sarah W. Hiestand, she having died on April 28th, was granted.

Similar request from Elizabeth H. Smith, for lease to her alone of lot to which transfer of joint interest was approved, April 15th, was granted.

Application presented of G. A. Herolz, for lot 7, block 33, div. 2. Attention called to the fact after allowing 25 ft., for street on south of this block, (according to agreement with Rathjes approved this date) there should be 10 to 12 ft., left in this block over the normal 132 ft., depth of lots. It was moved and carried that whatever was left after making lots in this block 132 ft. deep, be put into an alley in center of block.

Mr. Call stated that there were some fine oak and other shade trees on lot 7, and that Mr. Herolz had stated to him that he would not be willing to pay more than \$25 for the trees.

It was moved and carried that a value of \$100 be placed on the trees on lot 7, blk. 33, div. 2.

Moved and carried that application of Mr. Herolz for lot 7, blk. 33, div. 2, be accepted, subject to usual rules.

Application of Robt. M. Campbell for lots 1 and 2, blk. 14, div. 4, accepted under usual rules.

Mrs. duChaine appeared before Council requesting a change in alley in block 4, div. 3, and proposing to surrender certain land east of such alley, if relocated as desired.

Moved and carried that, subject to approval of the Town, the alley across north half of this block be continued from the point in center of block where it now begins to angle to eastward, north to the point at which it originally terminated on north side of block.

Moved and carried that supt. lands and highways be authorized to build a bridge for foot traffic, across gully in park west side of Bay View avenue, about in front of Nichols property.

Request of Colonial Inn for permission to put out own bathing wharf and bathhouse presented. Moved and carried that president and secretary be a committee to confer with Inn people regarding matter.

C. C. Baldwin and J. E. Gaston appeared before Council as a committee from Town Council to ask for 10 feet from west side of Section st. for widening same from Fairhope Avenue to Oak Street, particularly at present from Fairhope Avenue to Saxe holding.

Moved and carried that Council approve the proposition and as fast as the Town notifies it that it is prepared to pay for damages sustained by

lessees from the taking of land for such purposes will exercise the right reserved in leases to resume possession of land for public purposes.

Messrs Baldwin and Gaston agreed that town would put in culvert on Avenue at South Brown Street, if Corporation would pay for culvert, which was agreed to.

Moved and carried to meet Friday night to consider cemetery matter.

Petition presented for a referendum election not later than June 1st, on proposition that "present form of application for leaseholds of the corporation land be discontinued and the old form of application which was in use for about twenty years prior to Dec., 1st 1925, be readopted."

Moved and carried that the election prayed for be held on June 1st, 1929 and arrangements for same be referred to trustees as provided by constitution.

Communication received and read from trustees, relative to cemetery charges.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

Adj'd June 3, 1929
E. B. Gaston Sec
Members Meeting

May 28 1929

Meeting held in Council Chamber, on call of President, for consideration of referendum proposal to be voted on June 1st.

There were about 20 members in attendance.

President stated the purpose of the meeting reading the petition for referendum, and the call for the meeting.

Mrs. Call suggested that as there had been one meeting for discussion of a similar proposition, when no one in favor of the proposal appeared to present the reasons for same, that if any favoring was present he, or they be given first opportunity to be heard. It was so moved and carried.

Mr. W. G. McConnell stated that he had been requested by the signers of the petition to represent them, which he was doing under protest; that their view was that the matter had already been so fully discussed that there was no need for further discussion. The thing now was simply to proceed to the vote called for.

Having made this statement Mr. McConnell seemed about to withdraw, but being pressed by Mr. Call, for some of the reasons for the pushing of the referendum, he mentioned the dissatisfaction alleged to exist over the present form; that the old form had worked so well for so long and that it was not legal nor proper to change the contracts with lessees without their consent. Without waiting for discussion upon his statements Mr. McConnell withdrew.

There followed discussion of these points, it being stated that there was no attempt to change leases outstanding; that every lease contained the provision that, it was transferable only to members or to others acceptable to the Corporation and that the Corporation having found the pledge required of lessees in the old application, insufficient to bind them and protect it in its purpose had made such changes as would do so, applicable to new applications only.

Questions involved in the referendum were further discussed by Mrs. Call, Mr. Call, and Mr. Gaston, and Mr. Gaston gave numerous instances where in spite of their signing the old application, in which they pledged that they would not oppose the full application of the principles set forth in our constitution and lease contracts certain lessees had collected from others substantial sums for transfer of entirely or practically unimproved lots, sometimes representing the "purchases" of such leaseholds, as "good investments" thus defeating the purpose of the corporation and virtually "swindling" those in ignorance of Colony policy, who were led to pay such sums.

Mr. Gaston also presented the following statement with regard to the pending referendum:

(See Following Minutes)

On motion of Mrs. Call the statement was approved and the secretary instructed to print the same and send a copy to every member.

Mrs. Call gave very interesting facts obtained from the town records of building permits granted, showing much activity in building after the adoption of the new form of application. She also emphasized the protection there was to lessees desiring land for use only—the only legitimate reason for holding it under Single Tax principles—in the provisions of the present form, not contained in the other, which limited the corporation to raising the rent, to meet other attempts to speculate in its land, and thus penalizing people who were not guilty, and were perhaps even already victims of the speculative tendencies of others.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary's Statement, Approved at Members Meeting

The form of application for land now in use, is needed, both for the protection of the Corporation in its high and unusual purposes and for the protection of its lessees intending in good faith to conform to the Corporation's unselfish policy.

It is needed to protect the Corporation because, while the pledge has been always required of applicants for land that "While I hold lease of Fairhope land I will not oppose the full application of the principles set forth therein (in the constitution) and contracted in your leases," it has been unfortunately proven, that all too many will sign such a pledge with no real intention to observe it but ready to violate it at the first opportunity, so that such provisions as the new application provides assuring performance of their pledge are needed.

It is needed for the protection of lessees who in good faith, accept the Colony policy, from the necessity of forcing rents higher than would be necessary because of demand for land for use in order to check the efforts of others, without honor, to speculate in leaseholds. It is further of advantage to lessees in good faith, in specifically mentioning the things for which they should be entitled to compensation in disposing of improved leaseholds and in providing if they desire to avail themselves thereof, a fair method for determining the value of the same, which should be advantageous to both seller and prospective buyer.

That it was useful in helping to check the speculative boom approaching from Florida in the fall of 1925, and in to a large degree protecting Fairhope from the evil results of that boom, more and more apparent, is evident. But, we understand, some of our members who concede that it did good service then, feel that it is no longer necessary and it would be safe to return to the old form. Unfortunately, however, the system which leads to land booms still exists and booms will again arise when conditions are ripe for them; and even Singletaxers pledged to fight the system sometimes prove unable to resist the temptation to take advantage of the same if opportunity is open, so that it is much better to retain the safeguards which have proven useful, even if not apparently needed at the moment, that they may be available when the need for them again arises, especially as they are beneficial rather than otherwise to those who now hold or desire our land in harmony with our purposes.

The large number of applications for land and transfers of improved leaseholds since the new form went into effect, is the best of evidence that it is no bar to those who would be desirable as lessees of a Single Tax Colony. It will be time enough to attribute to it depressing effect on settlement and improvement of Colony lands when people in number greater than are taking and improving our land are taking and improving land outside, assigning the application as reason for doing so; though even that would not be conclusive that the application should be changed, for the fact that the only way to get any sort of application of the Single Tax is through the Colony plan is conclusive that the vast majority of people are wedded to the system against which our whole effort is a protest.

The effort to change the application has been before the membership at meetings several times and been decisively defeated after full and fair discussion every time.

One time it was coupled with provisions which were clearly unconstitutional and if carried would have soon robbed the Corporation of control of its undertaking.

Should the present proposition prevail, it would not satisfy the moving spirits behind the effort, but encourage them to further efforts to cripple the Corporation as a sincere and effective effort to present the greatest possible contrast between the right and wrong methods of administration of land, in the hope of influencing the extension of its principles.

The hope of Fairhope Single Tax Colony, both in carrying forward the principles upon which it was founded and promoting the prosperity and security of its members and lessees is in preserving that which marks its difference from other communities, not in making it like the ordinary community in which selfish individual interest is exalted at the expense of community interest.

To do what is asked would be taken by outside friends of the Colony to be a backward step and weaken their confidence in it. It would render obsolete such advertising matter as is now on hand and make the printing of new matter necessary at considerable expense.

Adj'd
**MATTER RELATIVE TO REF-
ERENDUM AT CLOSE OF BOOK.**

Colony Council Proceedings

June 3, 1929

Council met in regular session, with all members present but Mr. Connolly, Vice President Wolcott presiding.

Minutes read and approved of last meeting of Council, May 20. Minutes also read of members meeting of May 28.

Report of trustees on referendum election of June 1st, read, showing eighty-four votes cast, 35 "yes," 49 "no."

It was moved and carried that the official statements with regard to the referendum of Saturday, together with all documents circulated among mem-

bers to influence their action be printed and copies sent to all lessees.

Mrs. K. I. duChaine was present and presented surrender of lot 6 and all of lot 5, blk. 4, div. 3, lying east of alley as relocated by action of last meeting and agreed to by Town Council, which was accepted.

Following bills allowed:

E. C. Wolcott, assisting supt. lands and highways	5.00
Mrs. Anna B. Call, aud. whfts. accounts	2.50
Same, serv. trustee at Ref. elec	1.50
Mrs. Mildred W. Roberts, serv. trustee at ref. election	1.50
D. K. Bancroft, serv. trustee at ref. election	1.50

Marion Smith, serv. dept. lands and highways	\$17.80
Wm. Ruffles and Son, plbg. rep. at Woman's Council bldg.	7.78
The Fairhope Courier, adv. Thornton place, \$4. job prtg. 30.70, 34.70	
E. B. Gaston, postage 5-4 to 5-30	2.20
J. A. Patterson, sund. exp. whf. maintenance	8.50

Approval given to drawing orders for payrolls of work on wharf maint. May 25, \$12.60 June 1 12.60 \$25.20

Secretary reported conducting sale on Saturday, June 1, of Thornton improvements and leasehold, after three advertisements thereof in the Courier, and selling the same to W. H. Burmeister as the highest bidder, at \$450 and a bill of sale being executed to him. The sale was on motion approved and the application of Mr. Burmeister in usual form for the land, east half of sec. 14 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 16, less streets, accepted.

Transfer of E. A. Ruge to J. E. Gaston, of west 64 ft. of so. 114 ft. of lot 5, blk. 5, div. 4, according to memorandum of agreement presented, was approved.

Application of S. T. Moseley for west 3-4 of sw. 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 14, was accepted.

Request of Harry McClintock, for permission to surrender an acre of alleged pond, was referred to Supt. Lands and Highways for investigation and report.

All action by unanimous vote.
Adjourned.

Colony Council Proceedings

June 17, 1929

Regular meeting. All members present. President Call presiding.

Minutes of last meeting, June 3, read and approved.

The following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson sund. items whf. maint.	16.75
Fairhope Coal & Supply Co., mat. whf. maint.	21.11
R. E. L. Connolly, postage etc.	3.46
P. A. Parker, surveying for Nichols' St., south of Block 33, div. 2.	5.00
Fairhope Courier, printing referendum statements	8.00
Marion Smith, serv. dept. lands and highways	19.20

Treasurer's report for month of May presented as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY

	Recd	Paid
Rent	\$1183.83	
Penalty	53.15	
Wharf	400.66	
Sundries	8.00	
Taxes		\$ 638.17
Highways		13.40
Wharf		253.99
St. Imp. Note 1924		38.37
Third payment on Mann tract		560.00
Salary of Treasurer		50.00
Salary of Secretary		75.00
Incidentals for Secretary, postage		2.92
Library maintenance		75.00
Electric light treas. office		
March and April		3.00
Reg. Courier ad.		12.50
Rent Treas. office		14.00

Cash on hand	\$1,645.44	\$1,736.35
April 30th	1,538.85	
Cash on hand May 30th		1,447.94

\$3,184.29 \$3,184.29

R. E. L. Connolly, Treas.

Drawing of orders for wharf payrolls of June 8, 17.60, June 15 12.60, was approved.

Secretary reported that J. E. Ruge rents had been paid by Bank.

Transfer Sherrill Oil Co., to Sherrill Oil Company, an Ohio Corporation, of 390 ft. square in southeast corner of sec. 14 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 17, (less strts); also N. 88 ft. of west 96 ft., of lot 1, blk. 10, div. 1, was approved.

Transfer Mary Young to Eugene Possien of lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, blk. 23, approved.

Transfer Jesse O. Stimpson - James A. West to Frank Hemphill of lots 1 and 2, blk. 15, div. 4, approved.

Surrender by Anton Aranza of all holdings, except se 1/4 of ne 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 22, was accepted.

Secretary reported withdrawal of application of Mr. Herolt for lot 7, blk. 3, div. 2.

Marion Smith reported completion of fence for Rathje's on Nichols' st. and street partially cleared on south side of blk. 33, div. 2.

Moved and carried that H. P. Kamper be authorized to put out his fence to lot line on se corner of blk. 25, div. 2.

Communication read from Town Council, by Gladys Lowell Clerk extending thanks for action of Colony Council with regard to widening of Section St., between Fairhope ave. and cemetery; and requesting action at this time on donating ten feet, from Fairhope Ave., to Saxe property.

It was moved and carried that request be granted.

James E. Gaston, representing the Chamber of Commerce, presented proposition of Chamber to give \$15 toward clearing up the beach before July 4th, if Colony would appropriate like amount.

It was moved and carried that offer be accepted and Superintendent lands and highways take charge of the work.

President reported in hand four of stereopticon slides, he had been authorized on March 11, 1929 to secure, to show some of the things the corporation was doing for the community, with bill of \$5.22. It was moedd and carried that the bill be allowed.

Moved and carried that president be a committee to investigate with regard to unfinished condition of band stand and to complete same if he approves.

Moved and carried that superintendent public services be authorized to secure some one to operate bath-houses on best terms he can obtain.

All action by unanimous vote.
Adjourned.

*Approved July 1, 1929
E.B. Gaston Sec.*

Colony Council Proceedings

June 22, 1929

Council met in special -
Mrs. Dyson, Messrs Connolly, Patterson and Rockwell present, President Call presiding.

Reading of minutes dispensed with.
Communication from E. A. Ruge read, stating his inability to complete payment on his certificate of membership, and requesting that he be permitted to withdraw with refund amount paid, \$77.81, the necessary portion to pay rent for first half of 1929 on lot in blk. 12, div. 1, to be so applied.

It was moved and carried that Mr. Ruge's proposition be accepted.

Request read from Chamber of Commerce, for permission to use bay front parks, for purpose of Fourth of July celebration.

Moved and carried that permission asked for be given for purpose of celebration only; not to include granting of any concessions for use of any portion for private profit, and further condition that there shall be no official participation in the celebration nor use of said parks by any organization whose qualifications for membership (other than adherence to the principles and rules of the organization) would exclude any persons qualified for citizenship in the United States.

Moved and carried that the president be authorized to insure the library at his discretion.

Bill of Henry Clay for \$7.25 for work in opening of Nichols street allowed.

All action by unanimous vote.
Adjourned.

*Approved July 1, 1929
E.B. Gaston Sec*

Colony Council Proceedings

July 1, 1929

Council met in regular session, with Councilmen Connolly, Patterson and Smith present, president presiding

Minutes of meetings of June 17 and June 22 read and approved.

Treasurer's report for June presented as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

For June

	Recd.	Paid
Rent	\$1,784.26	
Penalty	152.03	
Wharf	311.72	
Leases	6.00	
Grave	5.00	
Surplus Thornton sale	268.13	
Chamber of Commerce for cleaning beach	15.00	
Incidentals	9.00	
Taxes		\$ 576.07
Highway		54.25
Wharf		233.66
Salaries		125.00
Library Maintenance		75.00
Rent and light for treas. office		15.50
Regular Courier ad		12.50
Adv. and job work		42.70
Postage Sec'y. and Treas.		5.66
Plumbing repair at beach		7.78
Auditing Wharf acct.		5.50
Service of Trustees on Referendum		3.00
Adv. Slides		5.22
Refund Membership		77.81
Check to Bank on Thornton surplus		268.13

Cash on hand May 30th 1,447.94
Cash on hand June 30th 2,491.30

\$3,999.08 \$3,999.08
R. E. L. Connolly

Following bills allowed:

H. H. Hill, street work and beach cleaning 12.00
Marion Smith, opening Nichols St. 18.80, cleaning beach parks 14.80 33.60
James and Free, dragging Morphy avenue, country, 17.75
J. A. Patterson, sund. whf. maint 7.65
Fairhope Coal & Supply Co., mat. wharf maint. 2.04
A. B. Call, aud. wharf books 1.50
Wm. Call, C. O. D., for adv. slides 7.72
Wm. Ruffles and Son, beach plumbing 2.45
E. B. Gaston, postage in June 3.00
Drawing of orders for wharf maint. payrolls, June 22, 16.50, 29th 11.20 approved, total 27.70
Mr. Smith reported work on Nichols St., nearly completed also beach cleaning work under way.

Mr. Patterson reported securing Mr. and Mrs. Bean to take charge of wharf, on 70-30 basis and in charge; also reported getting five new springboards in place.

Report on completion of bandstand in park, that same was being done by Mr. Tuttle, at approximate cost of \$20, with between \$6 and \$7 available from bandstand fund.

Moved and carried that town be requested to take care of water across park, from pumping plant.

Contract of purchase by Velma Winter and John Winter from Emily Russell, of leasehold and improvements on lot 4, blk. 9, div. 1, approved, transfer to be effective on completion of payment according to contract 22.3

Transfer Citrus Growers Association to Homemakers Club of Fairhope, of 3-4 acre in ne. cor of sw. 1/4 of SW. 1/4 of Sec. 16, approved on surrender of lease. 44 99

Transfer lease of H. Tucker, for E. 1/2 of lot 7, and of so. 24 ft. lot 6, blk. 6, div. 4, to Baldwin Credit Co., by virtue of sale of same under terms of mortgage note and endorsement on lease, approved. 265 20

Mr. Call reported cost of insurance on library as \$14.80 per thousand for one year, \$37 per thousand for three years. Moved and carried that he place insurance up to \$6,000 for three years.

All action by unanimous vote.
Adjourned.

*Approved July 15, 1929
E.B. Gaston Sec*

Colony Council Proceedings

July 15, 1929

Council met in regular session, with all members present and president presiding.

Minutes were read and approved of last meeting, July 1.

Following bills allowed:
Miss Helen Sacriste, premium on insurance policy on library and contents 222.00

Ed. C. Tuttle, labor and material for completing bandstand 20.00

J. A. Patterson, sundry items whf. maint. 28.09

Wm. Stimpson's Sons, lumber for wharf maint. 73.60

H. H. Hill, work on beach and in park 4.00

R. L. Rockwell, dragging road 4.00; team two days on beach 10.00 14.00

Peoples Cooperative Store, wire etc., for Rathje fence 10.15

Marion Smith, clearing beach and cleaning parks 8.10

W. C. Mills, mowing parks, 26.25

cleaning road in Sec. 22, 2.00 28.25

F. T. Guindon, road work in country 13.62; cleaning beach 5.31 18.93

Reported that agent of internal revenue dept., had reported the Corporation, on examination, due \$2.30 in

revenue stamps to be attached to stubs of certificates of membership, and action of president and secretary in drawing order for payment for same approved.

Action of secretary in drawing orders for pay-rolls of work on wharf, as follows: July 6, \$20.40, July 13, \$11.20, approved.

Surrender by Mrs. Eugenie Possien of lots 5 and 6, block 23, div. 2, under usual conditions, approved. 203

Surrender by Mrs. Ella A. Smith of lots 4 and 5, block 19, div. 2, under usual conditions, approved. 240

Transfer Thomas and Edna Cudney to Amy F. Webster, of lots 5 and 6, blk. 26, div. 2 approved. 38 282

Mrs. Call presented contract with Robert Bell, in regard to lease of Woman's Council building for season, which was approved.

Moved and carried that \$100 be subscribed toward the fund for securing the location of the State experiment farm, on proposed location near Fairhope and order be drawn for the amount, to be refunded by committee in charge if farm is not secured.

Attention being called to the fact that President Call, Treasurer Connolly and Trustee Mrs. Call, were about to leave on trips north it was moved and carried that suitable letters be issued them by the Secretary.

Supt. Lands and Highways reported examining the pond on McClintic holding and finding that same covered practically an acre which was rendered worthless for cultivation and lessee be permitted to surrender same and take equivalent amount to north, if desired. It was so moved and carried. 172

All action by unanimous vote.
Adjourned.

*Approved Aug 5, 1929
E.B. Gaston Sec.*

Colony Council Proceedings

August 5, 1929

Council met in regular session with Mrs. Dyson, Messrs Patterson, Rockwell and Smith present.

In absence of president and vice president, E. B. Gaston was elected chairman pro tem.

Minutes of last meeting, July 15, read and approved.

Treasurer's report for July presented as follows:

Treasurers report for July 1929

	Recd	Paid
Rent	\$1,459.55	
Penalty	48.05	
Wharf	301.98	
Land Fund, (stumpage)	38.60	
Taxes		\$ 199.77
Highways		84.22
Wharf		281.38
Library		75.00
Insurance, Library		222.00
Donation, Experiment Station		100.00
Salaries		125.00
Rent, Treas. office 14.00		15.50
light for same 1.50		5.30
Postage		

Reg. Courier ad 12.50,	
Adv. plates 7.72	20.22
Beach plumbing	2.45
Care of Parks	68.71
Completing Band Stand	20.00
Auditing	1.50

	\$1,848.18	\$1,221.05
Cash July 1	2,491.30	
Cert. July 1	177.25	
Cash July 31		3,118.43
Cert. July 31		177.25

\$4,516.73 \$4,516.73

M. H. Brown, Treas. pro tem

Following bills allowed:

Fairhope Courier, job printing	5.60
Baldwin Mutual Insurance Co., Ass't	8.10
Fairhope Coal and Supply Co., mat. for marking cemetery lots	4.95
L. A. Ziemann, mat. marking cemetery lots	5.00
Marion Smith, serv. dept. lands and highways	4.10
W. C. James, road work in country	4.00
J. A. Patterson, sund. items wharf exp. etc.,	26.90

H. B. Payne, road work in country	19.00
A. Aranza, road work in country	1.00

Approval given to drawing orders for payrolls of work on wharf as follows: 7-20 \$9.80; 7-27 \$9.80; 8-3 \$21.35 40.95

Mrs. Steele was present and made complaint against kudzu vines on Brown Street, running over on to her property. No action was taken.

Moved and carried that action of last meeting regarding letters to other officers going away, apply also to Marion Smith, Supt. Lands and Highways, about to leave on a visit in the north.

Application of W. H. Edwards for temporary use for cultivation of land lately surrendered by him, subject to return when wanted under usual lease, was on motion granted.

Transfer G. A. and Chaffer Peacock to E. H. Roberson, of se. 1/4 of SE. 1/4 of Sec. 2 approved.

Transfer of W. R. Steller to Bank of Fairhope of lots 3, 4 and 5, blk. 16, Div. 2, approved.

Moved and carried that the secretary be authorized to have inserted as an advertisement in the Baldwin Co. News, the application and lease forms of the Corporation.

Adjourned. *Sept 8-19-29*

E. B. Gaston Sec.

Colony Council Proceedings

Aug. 19, 1929.

Council met in regular session, with Mrs. Dyson, Messrs. Patterson and Rockwell present, Vice President E. C. Wolcott presiding.

Minutes of last meeting, Aug. 5, were read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson, sund. items wharf maint.	18.80
Wm. Stimpson's Sons, lumber for wharf maint.	53.56
Bill of P. A. Parker, referred to secretary, with authority to approve if corrected in orders for pay-rolls of wharf line with previous charges.	
Approval given to drawing of work as follows: 8-10, 15-40, 8-17, 13-30	28.70

Drawing order for Baldwin Co. News, for adv. as per action of Council, Aug. 5, approved—\$16.25

Secretary reported that transfer last meeting from W. R. Steller to Bank of Fairhope covered lots 3, 4 and 5, blk. 16, div. 2, "less south 80ft. after allowing 25 ft. for Nichols St."

Secretary reported that at request of S. T. Moseley, his lease to w. 3-4 of sw. 1-4 of NE. 1-4 of 14, had been made to himself and wife as co-tenants, which was by motion approved.

Transfer lease of Joe Borwick (deceased) of no. 1-2 of nw. 1-4 of NE. 1-4 and west 1-2 and ne. 1-4 of ne. 1-4 of NW. 1-4 of sec. 2, by surrender of lease and affidavit of widow to Joe Boroski approved.

All action by unanimous vote.
Adjourned.

app'd Sept 4, 1929
E. B. Gaston Sec

Colony Council Proceedings

Sept. 4, 1929.

First meeting of month, postponed from Sept. 1st, account Labor Day.

Present, Mrs. Dyson, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Rockwell; Vice Pres. E. C. Wolcott presiding.

Minutes read and approved of last meeting, Aug. 19.

Treasurer's report for August presented as follows:

	Recd.	Paid
Rent	690.78	
Penalty	40.13	
Wharf	431.84	
Bath Houses	21.78	
Leases	5.00	
Cemetery	10.00	
Stampage	29.41	
Taxes		143.07
Highways		8.10
Wharf		262.01
Library Ass'n		75.00
Cemetery		10.35
Salaries		125.00
Rent and light, treas. office		15.50
Advertising		16.25
Insurance premiums		8.10
Job printing		18.10
Telephones		3.00

\$1,228.94 \$684.48

Cash, Aug. 1.	3,118.43
Certif. Aug. 1.	177.25
Cash Aug. 31.	3,662.89
Certif. Aug. 31	177.25

\$4,524.62 \$4,524.62

M. H. Brown, Treas. pro tem

Following bills allowed:

P. A. Parker, (on report to secretary, to whom same had been referred at last meeting) work in Cemetery, self and helper	25.50
Wm. Ruffles & Son, plumbing repairs beach toilets and bathhouses,	16.90
J. A. Patterson, sundry items, wharf exp.	18.36
Fairhope Courier, adv. Leavenworth place for delinquent rent	2.20
E. B. Gaston, postage to date	5.43
Receipt of demand for payment by Coll. of Internal Rev. of tax deficiency for 1927, reported by Secretary and same ordered paid,	347.29

Approval given by motion, to drawing of orders for wharf pay-rolls of 8-24 and 8-31, total 33.45

Transfer by Franklin Rockwell to R. L. Rockwell, of ne 1-4 of sw. 1-4 of SW. 1-4 of Section 15, approved.

Transfer by Baldwin Credit Co. to M. Thompson, of the east 66 ft. of lot 7 and of so. 24 ft. of lot 6, blk. 6, div. 4, approved.

Surrender by A. L. McCue of lot 7, and west 45 ft. of lot 8, block 45, div. 4, accepted.

Surrender by F. L. and M. H. Brown, of south 54 ft. of leasehold on School Street, leaving 66 ft.

Approval given to loan of \$1,000 by Mobile Building and Loan Association, to M. Zende and Bertha Zende, secured by mortgage lease of ne 1-4 and east half nw. 1-4 of nw. 1-4 of ne. 1-4 of NE. 1-4 of Sec. 16, (less streets on no. and east) 13.62 a. more or less.

Moved and carried that secretary be directed to notify Mr. T. J. Klumpp, or Klumpp Motor Company, not to dump any more automobiles or parts of same, in gully adjacent to his premises or on any property of the Corporation.

Moved and carried that constitutions be printed, in number and manner according to judgment of secretary.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned. *Sept 9-17-29*

E. B. Gaston, Sec.

Colony Council Proceedings

September 17, 1929

Regular meeting, postponed from Monday, Sept. 15. Present Mrs. Dyson, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Patterson, president presiding.

Minutes of last meeting, August 19, read and approved.

Following bills allowed:

P. A. Parker, making cemetery map, \$5, less material used 1.20, 3.80

J. A. Patterson, sund. items wharf maint. 12.25

W. C. Mills, mowing in parks 24.00

Transfer approved of Joseph Christopher to Mrs. Helen Self Petersen, of tract desc. as follows: beginning 117 feet east of nw. cor. of block 8, div. 1, thence so. 90 ft., east 47 ft., so. 75 ft., east 13 ft. no. 165 ft. to Magnolia Ave., west to place of beginning.

Request of W. H. Burmeister to make leases heretofore granted to him, to himself and wife, as co-tenants with full right of survivorship, approved, same covering following: so. 38 ft. of no. 143 ft. of east 54.8 ft. of lot 5, blk. 12, div. 1; se. 1/4 of SE. 1/4

of sec. 16; so. 1/2 of so. 1/2 of SE. 1/4 of Section 15.

The offer of Christ Johnson to surrender lots 9 and 10, block two, div. 3, on acceptance of improvements for rent accrued was accepted.

The death of Franklin Rockwell was reported and the following resolution adopted:

"Resolved, that the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, through its Executive Council, duly in session, learns with deepest sorrow of the death early today, of our beloved friend and loyal member of this Corporation, Franklin Rockwell.

"That he left an example of right living and devotion to his ideals of which his family may well be proud and which we may worthily emulate.

"That we extend to the bereaved members of his family our sincerest sympathy in their great personal loss, and

"That this resolution be spread upon our minutes and a copy be furnished, to be read at his funeral service, if such be the pleasure of those conducting the same."

The following resolution adopted to be sent to the Fourth Henry George Congress, about to convene in Pittsburgh, Pa.

"RESOLVED, by the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, through its Executive Council, that we send hearty and fraternal greeting to the followers in the path blazed by Henry George in his great work Progress and Poverty and the years of extraordinary service which followed its publication, on the occasion of the assembling of the Fourth Annual Congress called to forward the cause to which he devoted his life.

"That, having chosen as our best means for furthering this cause a method not proposed by Mr. George, we express our especial appreciation of the Henry George Foundation for laying its foundation broad enough for all believers in the land for the people and the duty of government to collect the value given to land by the presence and demand of the people for their collective use, under whatever name or by whatever method, en.

"That we send you greeting from an organization whose members voluntarily bind themselves to administer land, whose control could only be secured by purchase, without profit to them as owners; and whose faith that the value of land was sufficient to at least equal all ordinary taxes, state, county, and local, was great enough that they dared to contract 35 years ago with all who would agree to pay the full annual rental of land held by them to pay all the taxes not only upon the land but upon their improvements and tangible personal property thereon—and has done so for all these years.

"That we wish for you a most pleasant and profitable session and hope that you will look favorably upon holding an early Congress at our little Single Tax City by the Sea; where we may show you our glorious gospel demonstrating its virtue in immediate contrast with the policies and practices which we condemn; against difficulties which many have deemed insurmountable."

Committee
Mr. George Fuller, representing the Christian Science Society, appearing before the Council and stating that the society was considering the acquisition of an improved Colony property to be converted into a church building the following motion was moved and carried:

"That the Christian Science Society having under consideration the acquiring of a Colony leasehold for church purposes, the Council on approval of a transfer to the society, will agree

that in order that the society may enjoy the exemption of church property, provided by state law, it shall be credited upon its rent to the corporation for the site, with an amount equal to the taxes on the improvements and personal property if taxable, to be determined by a committee consisting of the president of the Corporation, one designated by the Christian Science Society and the third by the two.

Moved and carried that secretary be authorized to secure opinion of corporation attorney upon matters relating to sale of improvements for delinquent rent.

Moved and carried that treasurer and president be authorized to adjust with Mr. Frank Hemley his claim for damages to his leasehold on Mobile Ave., and Nichols St.

Moved and carried to take adv. space in community Fair premium list to amount not exceeding \$5.

Moved and carried that Parker map of cemetery, with suggested numbering of lots in new portion, be approved, put in shape for making blue-prints therefrom and blue prints be made.

Moved and carried that signs be placed on lots open for lease, so stating, with direction to see secretary and no trespassing.

Moved and carried that committee be appointed to look into alleged damage on lot 1, blk. 12, div. 4, and report. President appointed Gaston and Patterson as such committee.

President Call presented with appropriate remarks, a gavel made of black walnut from a tree on the farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born, at Hodgenville, Ky., bearing the following inscription:

"This gavel from the birthplace of the liberator of the black man is presented by W. R. F. Call to Fairhope

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A motion accepting the gavel with thanks to the donor was adopted.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

Colony Council Proceedings

October 7, 1929

Colony Council met in regular session with councilmen Connolly, Dyson, Patterson and Smith present, president presiding.

Minutes of last meeting, Sept. 17, read and approved.

Treasurer's report for September presented as follows:

Financial Statement of Treasurer for month of September.

RECEIPTS

Rent	1,640.59
Penalty	57.74
Wharf	212.40
Leases	7.00
Cemetery	20.00
Bath Houses	5.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Taxes	405.42
Highways	6.00
Wharf	175.66
Salaries	125.00
Library	75.00
Counsel room rent and lights	15.50
Reg. Courier ad	12.50
Adv. sale	2.20
Sec'y Postage	5.43
Cemetery	29.30
Col. Internal Revenue	347.79
1925 St. Imp. Note	25.61
Plumbing Beach and B. H.	16.90
Beach cleaning	14.00
Mowing parks	24.00

Cash Aug. 31	1,943.49	\$1,280.31
Script, Aug. 31	3,662.89	
Cash, Sept. 30	177.25	
Script, Sept. 30	4,326.07	

\$5,783.63 \$5,783.63

R. E. L. Connolly, Treas.

The following bills allowed:

Fairhope Coal & Supply Co.,
lbr. and hdw. for wharf maint \$62.51

Dyson and Co., bldg. book-case,
for treas. office \$9.60; 15 ft. of
18 in. culvert, co. roads 9.00, 18.60

Clay Products Co., tile for
culvert, country 2.08

J. A. Patterson, sund. items
wharf maint. 16.02

R. E. L. Connolly, exp. treas. office 9.35

Anne B. Call, auditing wharfs.
books 4.00

Fairhope Courier, prtng. 300
constitutions 23.85

Approval given drawing of orders
for pay-rolls of wharf maint.
work, as follows: 9-21, 9.80;
9-28, 9.80; 10-5, 12.00, total 31.60

Treasurer reported adjustment by
himself and president with F. Hemley,
of damages to property claimed and
settlement by him in full of charges
against him to date.

Committee on alleged damage to lot
in blk. 12, div. 4, reported that work
done constituted no real damage in
their judgment. Report was accepted.

Marion Smith reported on road work
done or contemplated in country, most
of which had been previously ordered.

It was moved and carried that the
mile and a half of road on east side
sections 11 and 14 between Fairhope
Ave., and new Silverhill road be put
in order with cooperation of other
property owners affected.

Treasurer reported on delinquent
lessees who had paid no attention to
repeated notices, or failed to meet
promises made.

It was moved and carried that the
following: Sim Andrews, Mrs. Jennie
C. Coleman, I. M. Galbraith, Mrs. Agnes
Wood, Raymond duBrook, and T.
J. Klumpp, be given notice that their
improvements will be advertised for
sale in the Courier of Oct. 17th, unless
satisfactory action is secured from
them by Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1929.

Moved and carried that the Leaven-
worth improvements be readvertised
and sold at the same time under di-
rections of our attorney as read at the
meeting, same notice to be given him
by letter.

Moved and carried that letter of
sympathy be sent Sister Alice Herring
Christopher over the death of her hus-
band.

Moved and carried that corporation
will cooperate with owners of prop-
erty in Magnolia Beach addition and ad-
jacent holdings in making Liberty
Street, or First Ave., as shown on
Magnolia Beach tract, 60 ft. wide and
portions of other streets on which the
corporation owns the ground on both
sides of the street, be made 60 ft.
wide, by taking an equal amount from
the ground on either side: except that
on street on west side of block 47, 10
ft. be given from the ground on west
side to make street 50 ft. wide.

Transfer approved of Lyndon
Wheeler to A. Boullemet and Irene M.
Boullemet, as co-tenants, etc., of west
75 ft. of lots 30 and 32, blk. 47, Mag-
nolia Beach addition to Fairhope.

Transfer approved of T. J. Larkin to
Harry S. Gebhart, of lots 1 and 2, of
blk. C. of replat of blks., 18, 19, 20, 27,
28 and 29, of division, 4.

Transfer approved of E. R. Green to
W. Steurzel of south 26 ft. of north
45 ft. of east 91 ft. lot 5, blk. 7, div. 4.

Transfer approved of Harriet Eggle-
ston, deceased by instrument executed
before death, to S. C. Eggleston, of
lots 29 and 30, blk. 47, Magnolia Beach
addition to Town of Fairhope.

Surrender by Mrs. Elizabeth Briggs
Rockwell of 8.33 acres in sw corner
of nw. ¼ of SW. ¼ of Sec. 16, accept-
ed.

All action by unanimous vote.
Adjourned.

Colony Council Proceedings

SPECIAL MEETING

October 16, 1929

Special meeting of Council on ac-
count of burning of outer wharf ware-
house, Tuesday, Oct. 15th, 3:30 P. M.

Full membership of council present.
Reading of minutes of previous
meeting waived.

President stated purpose of meet-
ing, Supt. Pub. Services reporting com-
plete destruction of warehouse by fire,
thought wharf might be cut down
enough to furnish piling and planking
to repair wharf itself.

Insurance reported of \$1600 on build-
ing and \$400 on contents.

Moved and carried that president
appoint a committee to look over the
situation and recommend what should
be done.

President later named Mr. Patter-
son, Mr. Smith and himself as such
committee.

Adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 1929

Colony Council met in regular ses-
sion, with all members present, but R.
L. Rockwell.

Minutes read and approved for last
regular meeting, October 7; also of
special meeting of Oct. 16.

Following bills allowed:

Pay-roll of road work in country,
submitted by Supt. Lands and
Highways, total \$50.00

Marion Smith, road work in coun-
try 24.80

Wm. Stimpson's Sons, lumber for
wharf repair 49.88

Approval given to drawing order
for Percy Dale, for road work in
country, O. K'd by Mr. Smith 5.00

Approval given to drawing of orders
for payrolls whf. rep. weeks end-
ing, Oct. 12 and 19, 23.80

Bill F. T. Guindon for road work in
country, referred to Supt. Lands
and Highways with authority to
have order drawn for amount ap-
proved by him, to be reported.

Mr. Smith made report on road
work in country.

Moved and carried that we dispense
for present with proposed bridges on
North Bay View Ave.

Treasurer reported that all persons
who had been notified according to
action of last meeting to make satis-
factory arrangement with regard to de-
linquent rent or properties would be
advertised for sale, had done so.

Moved and carried that Secretary be
instructed to write Commission Mc-
Phaul regarding use of grader on local
roads.

Financial statement received from
President and clerk of Library Asso-
ciation, showing insufficiency of
funds and requesting an increase of
monthly appropriation by not less
than \$25. It was moved and carried
to lay the matter on the table for the
present.

Communication received from Mrs.
Mary P. White regarding protection of
her leasehold from gully encroach-
ment. Moved and carried that Supt.
Lands and Highways examine into sit-
uation and report.

Treasurer reported following per-
sons as being greatly delinquent on
rent: Gordon Lowell, Hugh Lowell,
Jack Beatty, Mrs. L. O. Bishop, Grant
Munich. It was moved and carried
that they be given notice that unless
satisfactory arrangements are made by
them by Tuesday, Oct. 29, their im-
provements will be advertised for sale
in Courier of Oct. 31.

Mr. Gilbert appeared before Coun-
cil with a proposition to furnish fire-
fighting equipment recommended by
him for protection of wharf property.
No action taken.

Transfer by S. C. Eggleston to F. N.
Jeffcott of lots 29 and 30 of subdivi-
sion of Block 47, Magnolia Beach Ad-
dition, was approved. Adjourned.

Colony Council Proceedings

Nov. 4, 1929

Regular meeting of Council, with
all members present, but Mr. Rock-
well and president presiding.

Minutes of last meeting, Oct. 21,
read and approved.

Treasurer's report for October pre-
sented as follows:

Financial Statement of Treasurer
for the month of October, 1929.

	Recd.	Paid
Rent	4,165.98	
Penalty	269.18	
Wharf	248.82	
Leases	7.00	
Taxes		3,467.85
Highways		86.68
Wharf		332.61
Salaries		125.00
Rent, light, treas. office		15.50
Sund. exp. Treas.		9.85
Filing Cabinet for Treas.		9.60
Library Maintenance		75.00
Reg. Courier ad		12.50
Printing		23.85

\$4,690.98 \$4,158.44

Inquent rent.

Moved and carried that treasurer and president be authorized to adjust with Mr. Frank Hemley his claim for damages to his leasehold on Mobile Ave., and Nichols St.

Moved and carried to take adv. space in community Fair premium list to amount not exceeding \$5.

Moved and carried that Parker map of cemetery, with suggested numbering of lots in new portion, be approved, put in shape for making blue-prints therefrom and blue prints be made.

Moved and carried that signs be placed on lots open for lease, so stating, with direction to see secretary and no trespassing.

Moved and carried that committee be appointed to look into alleged damage on lot 1, blk. 12, div. 4, and report. President appointed Gaston and Patterson as such committee.

President Call presented with appropriate remarks, a gavel made of black walnut from a tree on the farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born, at Hodgenville, Ky., bearing the following inscription:

"This gavel from the birthplace of the liberator of the black man is presented by W. R. F. Call to Fairhope

Single Tax Corporation, organized to show the way to the Freedom of all men."

A motion accepting the gavel with thanks to the donor was adopted.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

Approved 10/7/1929
E. B. Gaston Sec

Colony Council Proceedings

October 7, 1929

Colony Council met in regular session with councilmen Connolly, Dyson, Patterson and Smith present, president presiding.

Minutes of last meeting, Sept. 17, read and approved.

Treasurer's report for September presented as follows:

Financial Statement of Treasurer for month of September.

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Sept. 30th	4,326.07
Certs on hand	
Sept. 30th	177.25
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Oct. 31st	4,858.61
Certs. on hand	
Oct. 31st	177.25

\$9,194.30 \$9,194.30

R. E. L. Connolly, Treas.

Following bills allowed:	
Anne B. Call, auditing whfs. books	1.25
J. A. Patterson, sund. items	
wharf expense	8.55
Fairhope Courier, Job work,	
11.20; adv. 3.84	15.04
Marion Smith, serv. dept.	
lands and highways	2.60
E. B. Gaston, Sec. sund. exp.	
items	4.56
Clay Products Co., tile for	
roads in country	1.13
Fairhope Coal and Supply Co.,	
(subject to audit by Mr. Pat-	
terson.)	310.98
Drawing of orders for pay-rolls	
wharf work approved, 10 - 26	
41.80; Nov. 2, 27.40	69.20

It was moved and carried that hereafter, after allowance of bills, the order will be to take up regular business such as land matters, ahead of reports and discussion thereon.

Transfer by George F. Martin executor estate of George O. Mueller, deceased to F. N. Jeffcott of lots 5, 6 and 7; also lot 4, of subdivision of lots 10 and 11 all in blk. 8, div. 3, approved under usual rules and unless original leases to Mueller are returned, executor's conveyance to be recorded at Bay Minette.

Transfer by T. P. Lyon, to Mrs. Mabel Lloyd, of joint and equal interest, with full right of survivorship, of no. 25 ft. of lot 1 blk. 7, div. 1, approved.

Transfer by Mrs. L. S. Cravath to her son, Archie L. Kridler, of joint and equal interest with full right of survivorship of east 34 ft. of lot 9, blk. 9, div. 2, approved.

Transfer by Lucille Tuveson executrix of estate of Wm. Edgerton deceased to Elot Tuveson of lot 7, and portion of lot 20, lying immediately in rear of same and extending to alley with same width, block nine, div. 1, approved.

Offer reported of W. D. Owens to purchase stumpage of timber for use of paper mill. After discussion it was moved and carried that same be referred to supt. lands and highways.

Mr. Patterson for committee on repair of wharf and rebuilding burned warehouse reported decision to build warehouse of galv. corrugated iron, 24 x 40. On motion the plan of committee was approved.

Committee reported finding a number of trees suitable for lumber for wharf building purposes, which might well be cut from timber west of cemetery; also some in cemetery. Moved that matter of trees in cemetery be referred to cemetery and wharf committees.

Treasurer reported on certain delinquent lessees.

Moved and carried that state and county taxes be paid, \$4,085.34.

Supt. Lands and highways reported that he thought wash against gully bank in rear of Mrs. White's holding could be prevented at cost of \$6 to \$10; and also that lower end of chute on south side of gully opposite above should be repaired.

It was moved and carried that he attend to same.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

Approved with correction Nov. 19, 1929
E. B. Gaston Sec

Colony Council Proceedings

Nov. 18, 1929

Council met in regular session, with all members present, except Mr. Rockwell.

Minutes of last meeting, Oct. 21, corrected to show audited bill of Fairhope Coal & Supply Co., of \$313.98.

Following bills allowed:

Marion Smith, serv. dept. lands and highways	7.70
T. E. Mendenhall, road work in country	12.50
The Martin Agency, premium on Treas. bond	10.00
J. A. Patterson, sund. items wharf maint.	10.49
Wm. Stimpson's Sons, lumber, cutting, hauling and sawing logs for lumber for wharf repair	134.17

Mr. George Martin appeared before the Council regarding purchase of filing cases for corporation records and on motion purchase was authorized, billing to be after January 1st.

Aldermen Gaston and Roberts appeared before Council with regard to placing sewers if decided upon, and eventually water mains, light lines in center of blocks instead of on streets.

The following motion was passed relative to the matter.

Having before it this day a committee from the Town Council, desiring to know the attitude of the Colony Council regarding the placing of sewers, it and when decided upon in the center of blocks, where they will not interfere with pavements or street-side trees and hereafter adopting a policy of placing sewers, water mains and light and telephone poles in the center of blocks, the Council declares its favorable attitude toward such action and its willingness in general to give the Town without charge the land necessary, on condition that the Town pay whatever damages may be sustained by its lessees on account of improvements on such land; reserving of course, the right of the Council to consider all such propositions as they arise, with the Town Council.

Committee on cutting pine trees in the cemetery was not ready to report, it was moved and carried that such trees as were suitable be taken from land in Corporation hands, beyond Stimpson mill, to be selected by supt. lands and highways having regard to the sightliness of the ground, after cutting.

Application W. P. Horton and Wife, for se. ¼ of ne. ¼ of NW. ¼ of Sec. 14 granted.

Transfer Frank Grumble to W. H. and Pauline Burmeister, of nw. ¼ of SE. ¼ of Sec. 22 approved.

Transfer W. H. and Pauline Burmeister to Frank Grumble of lot 1 and east half of lot 2, blk. 11, Div. 2, approved.

Transfer Martin Lowell to Clyde Lowell of his joint interest with same in lots 4 and 9, blk. 30, div. 2, approved.

The following resolution adopted:

Whereas, the corporation deemed it necessary to surround the leasing of its lands with additional safeguards to prevent speculation in its lands and keep the same open without purchase price to those desiring the same, and amended its application and lease form to that end, Dec. 21, 1925; but in doing so there was no desire or intention to change in any way lease contracts then in force, and

Whereas, the council is advised that some persons holding leases issued before the changes referred to were made, which were not acknowledged and recorded within the time required by law to make them legally good for 99 years, which it was the intention of the corporation that they should be and now desire, for purpose of securing loans, or otherwise, to have the same acknowledged and recorded;

Be it resolved: that a sufficient number of leases be printed in the exact form used prior to Dec. 21, 1925, and any lessee holding such lease may, on request to the secretary, receive in lieu of the original lease, one of like tenor bearing date of issuance, without charge other than the acknowledgement fee.

The following resolution adopted:

Whereas, certain members of this Corporation are planning to attend the Public Ownership Conference at Muscle Shoals, Wednesday to Saturday of this week,

Be it Resolved, that they be directed to carry to the Conference the hearty endorsement by this Corporation, of the general aims of the Public Ownership League of America sponsoring the Conference; and particularly of the continued ownership, operation and control by the Federal Government (subject to just provision for such rights as Alabama and adjoining states may be found to have therein) of the power plant developed with the money of the people and the distribution, giving preference to municipalities, of the power generated thereat not needed for production of fertilizer in time of peace and nitrates in time of war.

Form of certificate to be issued by treasurer, to lessees for tax receipts on improvements and personal property paid by them as provided by clause 3 of leases, was adopted and ordered printed.

Following action taken with regard to rent appraisement for 1930:

WHEREAS, it has been the desire of the Executive Council to have the greatest possible cooperation of its lessees, regardless of membership in the Corporation in determining the relative values of street frontages, etc., in appraising rents, but experience has shown that few will address themselves seriously to the problem or study to understand the details of applying the Somers' System in use by the Corporation; but lessees' meetings have generally preferred to act through committees appointed by them.

Resolved: that the lessees are hereby invited to meet for the purpose of

selecting a committee of equal number with the Council, the committee either to meet initially with the Council to consider the rent appraisement for 1930 or to meet separately as directed by the meeting appointing them and report their recommendations to the Council.

As no organization of lessees exists at present to call such meeting, and as it is important that action be taken quickly, such a meeting is hereby called for Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Cooperative Hall at 7:30 P. M., the meeting to be wholly under the control of the lessees there and then assembled, and any committee appointed to report within not less than ten days to the Council.

In suggesting this action the Council deems it proper to state that under the constitution of the corporation

and the lease contracts it is made the duty of the Executive Council to "make an annual appraisal of the rental value of all land held for lease by the corporation." This duty the Council holds itself powerless to delegate, but assures the lessees that the most respectful consideration will be given to any action which they may take; with a genuine desire on the part of the Council to agree with them if possible.

Being advised that it would be impossible for Reuben Rockwell, to meet with the Council on Monday night at present, it was moved and carried that council meeting night be changed to first and third Tuesdays until further notice.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

Approved 12-3-29
E. B. Gaston Sec

Colony Council Proceedings

December 3, 1929

Council met in regular session with all members present and president presiding.

Minutes of last meeting, Nov. 18, 1929 read and approved.

The following bills were allowed:

Marion Smith, serv. dept. lands and highways, flumes, roads, land matters and use of car on same	18.25
R. L. Rockwell, work on roads in country	11.50
R. E. L. Connolly, postage and other items of exp. treas. office	8.85
Fairhope Courier, job printing	12.80
O. D. Steadham, work on gully flume	6.75
Wm. Stimpson's Sons, lumber and sawing for wharf, 100.74, wood for treas. 2.00	102.74
Mobile Cylinder Grinding Co., repair pump for wharf use	11.00
J. A. Patterson sund. items wharf expense	7.63

Approval given to drawing orders for pay-rolls wharf repair work. Nov. 9, 16, 23 and 30, totalling 71.55

Contract between Mrs. Emily F. Russell and L. A. and Cora J. Funk for purchase by latter of improvements and leasehold of lot 5, blk. 9, div. 1, approved, lease to be issued to purchasers on proper proof of fulfillment of contract.

Transfer by Carrie B. Gregory, inheritor under and executrix under will of her mother Mrs. E. E. Gregory and Frank McKenzie, with an interest in same, to Raymond Stapleton and Mrs. Raymond Stapleton, of leasehold 77.7 ft., on School Street between Fairhope and Morphy Aves., by 206 ft. deep approved.

Appn. of W. A. Habeck and Mrs. Elsa Habeck for no. 1/2 of nw. 1/4 of SE. 1/4 of Sec. 2, accepted, subject to usual rule regarding timber, supt. lands and highways reporting 4,000 ft. of lumber stumpage, and 4 acres 1-3 off, 1 acre 2-3 off.

Following resolution on the death of Mrs. Minnie H. Brown adopted.

Resolved by the Executive Council of Fairhope Single Tax Corporation, in regular meeting assembled, that our hearts are heavy with sadness over the death and burial since last we met, of that beloved member of our corporation and for some years of this body, Mrs. Minnie H. Brown, who was ever loyal to the principles of our Corporation and faithful and willing in the performance of every duty as citizen and official. That we were honored in her friendship and association with her as co-worker. That as an official her place will be hard to fill and as friend may never be taken, however many may enjoy like relation.

That we extend to her husband and to her children and their families our sincerest sympathy and that this resolution be spread upon our records, and copies be furnished the family and the local paper.

Lessees' meeting, called pursuant to action of last meeting, reported as selecting a committee on rent apportionment to work with council, as follows: H. P. Kamper, D. E. Voris,

M. Dyson, Geo. E. Fuller, George Morgan.

Moved and carried to meet hereafter at 7 P. M. sharp.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

Colony Council Proceedings

Dec. 17, 1929

Council met in regular session with all members but Mr. Patterson, and Vice President Wolcott presiding.

Minutes read and approved, of last meeting, Dec. 3, 1929.

Treasurer's report for November presented as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Rent	1,902.60
Certificates	143.72
Penalty	96.46
Wharf	144.70
Leavenworth Impr.	50.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Taxes for Lessees	1,181.59
Taxes for Corp. State and County	4,985.34
Highways	11.42
Wharf	473.53
Salaries	125.00
Treas. office rent and light	15.50
Library Maintenance	75.00
Adv. in Community Fair Bulletin	5.00
Reg. Courier adv.	12.50
Printing and adv.	15.04
Secty. postage, etc.	4.56

\$2,337.48 \$6,004.54

Cash on hand Oct. 31st	4,353.61
Cert. on hand Oct. 31st	177.25
Cash on hand Nov. 30	1,191.55
Cert. on hand Nov 30	177.25

\$7,373.34 \$7,373.34
R. E. L. Connolly, Treas.

Following bills allowed:

Clay Products Co., tile for road work, country	2.01
Marion Smith, serv. L & H, chiefly flume at end of Freedom Street, and water diversion in gully	28.15
S. T. Moseley, work with M. Smith, chiefly on flume and water diversion	13.37

Wm. Stimpsons Sons, hauling, sawing and lumber for wharf repair \$50.02

Fairhope Coal and Supply Co., materials for gully flume 11.64

Drawing of orders for wharf rep. pay-rolls, 12-7 and 12-14 approved 71.75

Treasurer reported receipt of communication from T. J. Larkin, refusing further payment of rent on land in ne. 1/4 of ne. 1/4 of SW. 1/4 of 17. Moved and carried that same be declared forfeited.

Moved and carried that committee on rebuilding warehouse on wharf, be directed to invite bids on warehouses 20x30 and 24x40 and report.

M. Smith requested a committee to rate his land for physical defects, having surrendered east half. Understood that vice president and R. L. Rockwell act in matter.

Moved and carried that president and treasurer be authorized to arrange for a locked cabinet for rent accounts.

Contract presented between Mrs. Ida M. Lutz and Lavigne A. Berglin for sale by former to latter of improvements on and transfer of leasehold interest to lots 1 and 2, of replat of lots 10 and 11, blk. 8, div. 3, with application by Berglin in due form. Moved and carried that contract be approved and lease will be made to Berglin on completion of payment according to contract.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

E. B. Gaston, Secretary

Colony Council Proceedings

Council met in special session, Monday, Dec. 30, 1929. Present, Mrs. Dyson, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Patterson, president presiding.

Reading of minutes of last meeting waived.

Following bills allowed:

J. A. Patterson, sundry items wharf expense 16.33

W. C. Mills, mowing parks and vacant lands 41.25

Wm. Ruffles and Son, repairs and supplies for wharf pump 9.49

Drawing of orders for pay-rolls on wharf Dec. 21, \$6.10, Dec. 28, \$8.60, approved total 14.50

Transfer by O. K. Cummings to J. W. Norton, of west 44 ft. 4 inches of lot 2, block 12, div. 1, approved.

Offer by Nick J. Ludwig of \$50.00 for improvement on former Nelson lot, in block 12, div. 4, accepted.

Application of Nick J. Ludwig, for west 86 ft. of lot 14, and of south 9 ft. of lot 3, blk. 12, div. 4, accepted, under usual rule.

Moved and carried that committee on rep., fire damage at wharf, be instructed to go ahead and build warehouse as planned 24 ft. wide and 30 or 40 ft. long at their discretion.

Moved and carried that committee be authorized to settle claims for fire losses after being furnished with invoices from persons furnishing material lost.

Moved and carried that communication submitted be sent to lessees affected by proposed sewer system, inviting expression of their wishes regarding same, together with postal card for reply.

Adjourned.

All action by unanimous vote.

E. B. Gaston, Secretary.

Approved Jan. 7, 1930
E. B. Gaston, Sec.

Colony Council Proceedings

January 7, 1930

Council met in regular session, with all members present but R. L. Rockwell and president presiding.

Minutes read and approved of regular meeting of December 17, and special meeting of December 30.

Treasurer's report for December presented as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Recd.	Paid
Rent	\$4,891.58	
Certificates	119.77	
Penalty	204.22	
Wharf	219.92	
Leases	5.00	
Graves	15.00	

Imp. on L. 4 and 5		
B. 12 div. 4	50.00	
Insurance	2,000.00	

Taxes for Lessees	3,127.87
Colony Town Taxes	1,569.40
Highways	79.38
Wharf	607.29
Library maintenance	75.00
Reg. Courier ad.	12.50
Job Printing	12.80
Wood for office	2.00
Treas. postage & sundries	8.85
Salaries	125.00
Premium on Treas. bond	10.00
Council chamber rent and light	15.50
Repairs to Gully Flume	18.39
Mowing Lots and Parks	41.25

Cash Nov. 30	7,505.49	5,705.23
Cert. Nov. 30	1,191.55	
Cash Dec. 31	177.25	
Cert. Dec. 31		2,991.81
		177.25

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R. E. L. Connolly, Treas.

Following bills allowed:

W. C. Mills, mowing	1.75
J. A. Patterson, sund items of wharf maint.	10.75
Marion Smith, service dept. lands and highways	8.85
Fairhope Courier, job work and adv.	26.45

E. B. Gaston, sundry exp. secretary 11-19 to date, 7.19

Wm. Stimpsons Sons, hauling and sawing for wharf 26.95

Drawing order for pay-roll wharf work 1-4 approved 11.80

Moved and carried that supt. lands and highways be authorized to have Blass Place mowed.

Transfer lease of W. S. Getty Jr., by Bank of Fairhope through foreclosure sale to J. E. Gooden, of nw 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 22, approved.

Statement read from E. R. Green and wife, withdrawing all claim to lots 1 and 8 and no. half lots 2 and 7, blk. 2, Div. 4, contract for purchase of which from Otto Quade had been approved March 18, 1929, leaving Quade in full possession. Moved and carried that same be entered on record.

Surrender by Elizabeth and J. A. Hubbard of east 1/4 ft. of lot 2 and lot 3, blk 10, div. 1 was on motion accepted.

Surrender by Rose C. Kamper of no. 132 ft. of lots 1, 2 and 3, blk. 25, div. 2, was accepted.

Verbal request reported by secretary from R. F. Powell for approval of transfer from Anton Aranza to himself and daughter, Ola Powell Malcolm of ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 22, which was approved Dec. 7, 1925, but subject to signing of application in due form, and such application not having been made. It was moved and carried that Council maintain position formerly taken that he should make an application on the form now in use.

Request to change name of Equality Street to Ferris Avenue presented. Moved and carried that Council declines to take such action.

Mr. Patterson reported work under way in setting piling for foundation for warehouse at wharf.

Mr. Connolly reported finding that \$100 contributed by Mr. Warner, to be invested and the income to be used in taking care of his wife's grave, was in the general fund. Moved and carried that treasurer be authorized to invest same at his discretion.

Treasurer reported condition of treasury justifying payment in cash of excess of tax receipts over rent. It was moved and carried that treasurer take up certificates issued for tax refunds, where desired and pay refunds

in cash until further action by Council.

Moved and carried that an annual pre-election member's meeting be held on Wednesday, Jan., 15th, at 7:30 P. M., at Council Chamber.

Moved and carried that supt. lands and highways make needed repairs to flume near Klumpp Motor Co.

Moved and carried that lessees rent committee be invited to meet again with Council at earliest convenience.

All action by unanimous vote.

Adjourned.

Approved Jan. 21, '30
E. B. Gaston Sec