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Second Municipality Council.  
The ordinary weekly meeting of this body took place last evening, Recorder Caldwell in the Chair.

The following is the report of the Treasurer for the week ending May 20:  
Amount on hand last report \$1,000.00  
Amount received during week 4,000.00  
Total \$5,000.00

A message was read from the Mayor, informing the Council that he had signed the contracts for furnishing materials for plank walks in the Third District, for the coming year, which were awaiting the approval of the Council. The message was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

A petition from a number of property owners on Barone street, complaining of a wood building having been erected for a blacksmith's shop, to the danger of the surrounding property; was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

A petition from the American Hook and Ladder Fire Company No. 2, praying the Council to appropriate \$150, to buy a new horse for its use, and another from the Iron Fire Company No. 12, praying the Council to provide a new horse-car for that company; was referred to the Fire Committee.

Several residents of the neighborhood of St. William Market, petitioned the Council in favor of William Markham, late watchman over the market, and it made some offensive allusion to the prejudice of party.

Mr. Shields moved that the petition be laid on the table, as it was not proper for the Council to receive communications disrespectful to itself.

Mr. Yancey moved that it be referred to the Police Committee, which was agreed to by the casting vote of the President.

A motion granting the Lyceum Hall for the use of the Opelousas Railway Convention, on the 4th of June, was carried.

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Reports from several Committees were brought up and adopted.

The subject of setting apart two rooms for an Armory in the Municipal Hall, was referred back to the committee, and the report of the present Board of Refuge, was ordered to lie over.

Mr. Yancey moved a resolution calling upon the Surveyor to report if there was any evidence of the late contract for sand having been performed. He wished to state how it had been performed in the payment of the bill to Pat Ward, and the reason why he thought it was improperly paid.

Council. I have stated on a former occasion which I have received in the holding of these two meetings, and I will now state another, which is still more annoying. Previous to the year 1850, the Recorder had the privilege of appointing the watchmen, but the Council in that yielding to the law, were obliged to elect the watchmen. At that time a special constable was allowed the Recorder.

Mr. Shields called upon his honor to refrain from mentioning that subject, as it would arouse more feeling than he might be aware of.

Mr. Yancey wished Mr. Caldwell to proceed. The Recorder resumed. This special constable was sought for, and on this occasion the Second Municipality Council had elected one without knowing whether he would please the Recorder, and without inquiring or trying to learn whether he would please the law.

On the morning the new special constable entered upon his duties, and presented his commission, I received a letter, addressed by three citizens, complaining of his conduct, and I suspended him and sent that letter to the Police Committee, but no report has been made upon it.

Mr. Lawrence said that he would insist on the rules of the Council being adhered to in future, especially Rule Eight, which stated that the Recorder should not take part in any debate, but only preside over the Council, and give the casting vote.

On the motion being put, six members voted for reference to the Police Committee, and eight against it.

Mr. Lawrence then moved that the letter be laid on the table, which was carried by a vote of eight to seven.

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