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BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

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CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, November 10, 1868.

The board met in regular session.

Present: President Kearny, and Messrs. Rose, Aitkens, Walker, Camp, Montgomery, Sturcken, Fisher, Morphy, Pandely, Wynne and Farrell.

The following communications were submitted by his honor the mayor for the information of the council, which, after being read, were ordered printed in the published proceedings, and on motion referred to the committee on Water Works:

OFFICE CITY WATER WORKS, New Orleans, Nov. 10, 1868.

Hon. John R. Conway, Mayor of New Orleans and Board of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen of City Council:

Gentlemen—By resolution of the board of commissioners of the City Water Works, I have the honor to submit for your information a copy of a report just made by the superintendent of these works, under a resolution of the 16th of September last. I am, gentlemen, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. E. PERRY, Secretary and Treasurer.

OFFICE CITY WATER WORKS, New Orleans, November 9, 1868.

To the Board of Commissioners, City Water Works:

Gentlemen—In compliance with your resolution of the 16th of September, authorizing the superintendent to visit the water works of the cities of the Northwest to obtain information, etc., I left New Orleans on the 5th October, and returned on the 21st. My visit was extended to the cities of St. Louis, Cincinnati and Louisville, where many courtesies were extended to me by the officers in charge of their great and important works and every facility was afforded in the prosecution of my object. The information obtained has been varied, minute and of great importance. Much of this is submitted herewith in a tabular statement of water rates as they were found to exist in the different cities visited or in reports obtained from other places. Besides these general rates, a large number of special cases were taken from the books, particularly of large consumers (in classes), and where the rates were regulated by meter. These cases more than confirm all my previously expressed opinions, based on observation and calculation, that our large consumers were greatly undercharged and the small ones burdened by excessive rates. One or two instances will clearly illustrate this point. St. Louis gas works making in round numbers one-tenth more gas than our works, paid last year a water rent *by meter* of $4000. Our Gas Works are assessed, *by guess*, $500 a year for water, including the supply of the office. In other words we are supplying water at 2½ cents a thousand gallons, when in St. Louis the charge is 20 cents, and the property holder also pays the cost of laying the main pipe in the streets. The largest hotel in St. Louis paid for water last year, by *meter measurement*, $5000. Our largest hotel, of one-fourth greater capacity, paid us $800. Similar cases were obtained in Cincinnati and Louisville, and the same contrast was found, the difference being somewhat less, as they charge by meter measurement 15 cents the 1000 gallons, instead of 20, as in St. Louis.

In all the large consuming establishments, such as distilleries, breweries, sugar refineries and manufactories generally, the same contrast was found. Most of these places a few years ago were assessed much lower than now, though never at our ruinous rates, and complaining at their bills, based on calculation, applied for meters. They were supplied, and without exception, I am assured by inspection of the books, the meters paid for themselves and gave largely increased revenues.

Some difficulties were encountered for a while in St. Louis, where the water is loaded with earthy matter as with us, but that was soon overcome by the employment of an *expert*, to use and repair the meter, and they are now in very general use on all large consumers.

The great emission in our works in not keeping maps and plats and records of all pipe laid, and attachments made thereto with their fixtures, does not exist in any of the works visited, nor in any other works, as far as can be ascertained. In St. Louis it obtained partially at one time, but the error was soon corrected, and now, by the records, any pipe or attachment, or fixture, however minute, can be found with its location, exact description, with time and cost of execution. With us these things only exist in the memories of some old employés, or by tradition. Without the information, control over the water supply and revenues is impossible.

In our organization *(personnel)* it is found we do not vary materially from the works inspected. The same duties are assigned the same parties, divided nearly as ours, varying mostly in name—none of them considered better than our own. In the perfecting of our system, to secure the necessary records and then keep them up, some additional office force will be necessary, but this will be small compared to the saving.

Our office accommodations are narrow and contracted, compared to those in which I have been received. Works of the dimensions of ours no where occupied less than six fine, well ventilated rooms. In St. Louis, where they are making additions to their works, they occupy nine rooms. Our work cannot be properly done in the space now occupied, and I cannot too strongly urge on the board the necessity for a change, especially as our very busy season is close at hand. An office property, far more eligible and suitable than the one we now occupy, can be had for a less price than is charged for this by the old company.

If this locality is purchased it will require a large expenditure to make it suitable.

The waste of water in the cities visited is so small as not to enter in their calculations. It is not estimated at over ten per cent. And the proportion used for public purposes, which is invariably paid for, does not exceed this amount. The result is, that St. Louis and Cincinnati, each, supply near 18,000 subscribers, with a daily average of 7,000,000 gallons, whilst we take that much for 7500, and the city of Louisville supplies about as many people as we do, with many more manufactories by a daily average of only 2,250,000 gallons. The two former cities, for the same quantity of water we give, receive a revenue of $340,000 each this year. Ours may possibly reach $160,000. For somewhat less than one-third, Louisville collects $105,000, and yet their charges (to at least two-thirds of their subscribers) are much below ours. These results are reached by intelligent assessment, prompt collections and suppression of waste.

During my stay in these cities, passing through the streets constantly, I never saw a stream of water running in any gutter, yet their state of police is far superior to ours. I did not see one fire plug open. One hundred in a single morning would be a small number for us. No person but the engineer of a fire company is permitted to open a fire plug, and the prohibition is enforced by a heavy penalty. Officers of all these companies assured me the practice which obtains here would render it impracticable for them to supply their subscribers, and would bankrupt their companies in two years.

Their bills are payable in the office, and in no case is more than ten days allowed before the stop cock is applied. It is found to be a most efficient collector.

In each of the cities visited, the works are protected from abuse or imposition by stringent ordinances of the City Council, rigidly enforced.

All work done in connection with their several systems, whether by private individuals or by the regular employés, is regulated by fixed printed rules, which are made inflexible, and parties are held to a rigid account in making returns and reports, all of which are made matters of record.

As the result of these labors, I submit the following suggestions:

1. An entire remodeling of our tariff of water rates, and as a guide in that labor, a table is submitted with rates of different cities collated and placed in parallel columns.

2. An early application of meters to a few large establishments, and to insure their proper use and repairs, the employment of an expert with the necessary tools to accompany them from the manufactory.

3. The renewal of labor on the survey of hydrants and attachments, commenced last winter and suspended in the spring, when it was ascertained the city would purchase the works, and the proper record of the surveys in books and maps. This work should be commenced as soon as our finances will allow, say in January next.

4. The suppression of waste and abuses, by obtaining the necessary protecting ordinances from the City Council, and employment of special police to enforce execution. The rigid enforcement of regulations against parties using water without paying, or wasting it after payment.

5. The early adoption of a complete system of regulations, prescribing the rules by which the works shall be conducted, and defining the duties of officers and employés.

Respectfully submitted,
BRAXTON BRAGG, Superintendent.

The treasurer's report for the week ending Oct. 31, 1868, showing receipts $476,198 42, expenditures $89,909 06, balance on hand $386,289 36, was referred to the finance committee.

The treasurer's report for the week ending Nov. 7, 1868, showing receipts $580,544 08, expenditures $128,004 26, balance on hand $452,539 82, was referred to the finance committee.

The controller's statement of checks drawn by the treasurer, from Sept. 23, 1868, to Nov. 10, 1868, inclusive, amounting to $18 50, was referred to the finance committee.

The following communications from the controller were read, and, on motion, referred to the finance committee:

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, City Hall, New Orleans, Nov. 10, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg leave to report to your honorable body that Mr. F. Mouney, the late assistant treasurer, has called upon me to issue the following receiving warrants, viz:

On the 13th of August, 1868, amount warranted for on the pay roll of police for the month of May, 1868	$13,882 50
Also for the month of April	6,065 40
And also on salaries for officers for February, March, April and May	9,633 93
Amounting to	$29,581 83

Which amounts he has neglected until this day to deposit with the city treasurer.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. O. LANDRY, Controller.

The following communications from the controller were read and referred to the committee on streets and landings:

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, November 10, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to offer the following statement of the one million bonds signed in this office, and transmitted to the city treasurer:

1, 2 and 3 years bonds, No. 1 to No. 2160, $50	$107,500
1, 2 and 3 years bonds, No. 1 to No. 4500, $100	$450,000
1, 2 and 3 years bonds, No. 1 to No. 200, $1000	$200,000
Total amount	$757,500

Respectfully your obedient servant,
J. O. LANDRY, Controller.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, November 10, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report to your honorable body, that on the 31st October, and after legal advertisement in the official journal, I adjudicated the following contracts, to wit:

1. According to ordinance No. 1032, the contract for constructing plank sidewalks on one side of Magnolia street, from Kellar market to Washington street; also on one side of Third street, from Magnolia to Willow street; and also on one side of Willow street, from Felicity Road to Jackson street, to H. C. Brown as principal, security Henry McGuinn, at forty-two (42 cts) per running foot.

2. According to ordinance No. 1037, the contract for shelling Claiborne street, between Esplanade and Elysian Fields streets, to James Fallon as principal, and William Cullinan as security, at one dollar and ninety-nine cents ($1 99) per running foot.

3. According to ordinance No. 1081, the contract for furnishing the city with fifty thousand barrels of oyster shells, to M. Condran as principal, and P. Leahy as security, at thirty cents per barrel.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
PAS. LABARRE, Deputy Controller.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, Nov. 10, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to report to your honorable body that this day, at 12 M., and after legal advertisement in the official journal, I adjudicated the following contracts, to-wit:

1. According to ordinance No. 1082, N. S., the contract for grading and shelling Magnolia street, between Washington street and Felicity road, to Henry McGuinn, as principal, and John McVittie as security, at two dollars and seventy five cents ($2 75) per running foot.

2. According to ordinance No. 1083, N. S., the contract for shelling Foucher street from Calliope street to Delord street (distance two squares), to Henry McGuinn, as principal, and John McVittie as security, at two dollars ($2 00) per running foot.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
PAS. LABARRE, Deputy Controller.

The following communication from the street commissioner was read and referred to the committee on streets and landing:

STREET COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Room No. 7, City Hall, New Orleans, November 10, 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Herewith, I respectfully hand, for your consideration, the report of Mr. Wallace, city gardener, concerning the planting of trees, and the purchase of bulbs, etc., for use in public squares and promenades.

I also avail myself of this opportunity to remark, that I am still laboring under disadvantages with regard to getting sufficient lumber to keep all my gangs at work on the street bridges, and in consequence of which, many of them still remain in a dangerous condition.

I regret to say, that I fear Messrs. St. Amand & Co. are unable to supply lumber as rapidly as it is required, in consequence of their numerous other engagements; I would, therefore, respectfully ask your opinion as to the propriety of sometimes buying lumber of other parties, in cases of emergency.

Your obedient servant,
JOSEPH MURPHY, Street Commissioner.

Mr. Breen here entered and took his seat.

The following communication from the city gardener was read, and on motion, a special committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Montgomery, Sturcken and Camp, were appointed to investigate and report on the subject:

NOVEMBER 5, 1868.

Mr. Joseph Murphy, Street Commissioner, city New Orleans:

Sir—In compliance with your instructions, I have examined the condition of all shade trees recently planted in the public squares and promenades of the city. I find five hundred of the trees planted by John M. Nelson, under contract, in the year 1866, are now dead, and many of those now showing signs of life will die next summer. Whenever such work is done by contract the result will be always the same. Most of these trees were procured from the low swamps by inexperienced persons, who had a sub-contract for the same, and being transferred from water to dry soil, nothing else could be expected. Together with these causes, most, if not all, were too old for transplanting, being three to four inches in diameter, from fifteen to twenty feet high, and when cut down to the proper height for planting, there was nothing left but a stump entirely destitute of branches or leaves, either to induce growth or protect them from the summer sun. Now that I have my work well under control, I am prepared to procure and plant all trees which you may find it necessary to have planted. Herewith is a requisition for such shrubs, bulbs and seeds as are necessary to the squares. The seeds and bulbs are all self-propagating, and will yield an ample supply for all future time.

Very respectfully,
THOS. WALLACE, City Gardener.

The following communication from the city surveyor was read, and on motion the accompanying petitions ordered transmitted to the controller for publication according to law:

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, ROOM NO. 19, CITY HALL, City of New Orleans, Nov. 7, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to return your honorable body the three inclosed petitions, which were referred to me for information:

1. Of property-holders on south side of Magnolia street, between Clio and St. Andrew, praying for brick sidewalks.

2. Of property-holders on Locust street, between Felicity Road and Washington, praying for the construction of a shell road.

3. Of property-holders on Tonti street, between Dumaine and Esplanade streets, praying for the erection of brick sidewalks.

These petitions are made in conformity with article 119 of the city charter, and only require, before being acted upon by the Common Council, to be published during eight weeks in the official journal.

I remain, respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
L. SURGI, City Surveyor.

The following communication from the surveyor was read and referred to the committee on streets and landings:

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, Room No. 19, City Hall, City of New Orleans, November 10, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council, Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—I beg leave to inform you that according to resolution No. 1026, N. S., I had twenty new tops placed to butcher's stalls in the Dryades Market. Fifteen more will be required to complete the repairs of all their stalls in said market.

I remain respectfully your obedient servant,
L. SURGI, City Surveyor.

The following communication from the city attorney was read, and on motion referred to the finance committee:

OFFICE CITY ATTORNEY, Room No. 13, City Hall, New Orleans, November 3, 1868.

The Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—In reference to the petition of H. D. Keen, pound keeper, praying that sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents be refunded him, that being the sum paid by him in suit of James McGovern vs. City of New Orleans and himself, I beg to report that after an examination of the facts I think the claim a just one, and that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted.

Respectfully,
HENRY J. LEOVY, City Attorney.

The following resolution from the Board of Aldermen was read and unanimously concurred in on its several readings:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to E. W. Rodd, to erect on his premises, bounded by Clay, Front, Customhouse and Bienville streets, a portable engine and boiler, for the purpose of crushing sugar; *Provided*, The said engine and boiler be erected in accordance with existing laws and ordinances, and remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The finance committee submitted the following report:

FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM, No. 23 City Hall, New Orleans, Nov. 10, 1868.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your finance committee beg leave to report as follows:

1. On the resolution declaring that the ten per cent. bonds authorized by the last Legislature, should only be paid out to original holders of claims against the city, unfavorably.

2. On the resolution authorizing the finance committees to make any arrangements for the prosecution of any claims of the city, which they may deem for the benefit of the corporation, provided said claims have not already been confided to the city attorney, assistant city attorney, or other city officials, or employés of the city, etc., favorably, with the proviso "that such cases shall be unknown to the city officers."

3. On the petition of J. M. Weymouth, praying that the sum of $500, which he was forced to pay into the city treasury in 1862, be refunded to him, favorably, by resolution.

4. On the resolution authorizing the controller to warrant on the treasurer in favor of Dr. J. L. Crawcour for the sum of $1600, in payment of services rendered in 1860, 1861 and 1862, as chemist in the analysis of several cases of poisoning, favorably. This resolution emanated from this committee, who had before reporting examined the subject carefully.

5. On several petitions asking remuneration for losses incurred and damages sustained by the late overflow in the rear of the city, unfavorably.

6. On the petition of Jno. F. Rust, asking to have the sum of $500 deposited by him with the controller at the time of the adjudication of a contract, refunded to him, favorably by resolution.

7. On the communication of the Board of Liquidators of the Commercial Water Works asking payment for the works sold and transferred to the city, your committee will report at the next meeting of your honorable body what final action should be adopted, and in the meantime offer a resolution requiring the printing of the amount of bonds asked for by the liquidators, to be issued only in accordance with such resolution as may be adopted by the City Council.

Your committee also beg leave to submit to your consideration an ordinance providing that all warrants issued by the controller on the treasurer bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from the 1st day of October, 1868.

Respectfully submitted,
TH. F. FISHER, Chairman.
ALFRED KEARNY,
JOHN BREEN.

The following resolution, reported upon favorably by the finance committee, was read and upon a motion to adopt, the yeas and nays being called, the motion to adopt was lost:

Resolved, That all warrants of the controller on the treasurer shall bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from date until paid; *Provided*, That interest shall cease from and after notification by the treasurer, in the official journal, of his readiness to pay said warrants, and *Provided further*, That warrants issued prior to 1st of October, 1868, shall bear interest only from and after that date.

Resolved further, That it shall be the duty of the controller, upon the presentation for payment of any warrant in accordance with the foregoing resolution, to warrant on the treasurer for the amount of interest accrued thereon.

The following resolution submitted by the finance committee, was adopted on its several readings.

Yeas—Messrs. Kearny, Rose, Aitkens, Fisher, Morphy, Wynne and Breen.

Nays—Messrs. Camp, Montgomery, Sturcken, Pandely and Farrell.

Mr. Walker voting blank.

Resolved, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized to warrant on the treasurer in favor of Dr. J. L. Crawcour, for the sum of one thousand and six hundred dollars, for services rendered in 1861 and 1862, in analyzing several bodies in three different cases of poisoning.

The following resolution, originating in the Board of Aldermen, and reported upon favorably by the finance committee, was upon its first reading concurred in:

Resolved, That the finance committee be and they are hereby authorized to make any arrangements for the prosecution of any claims of the city, which it may deem for the benefit of the corporation; *Provided*, That said claims have not already been confided to the city attorney, assistant city attorney, or other officials or employés of the city, or by any contracts heretobefore determined by law or ordinance; *And provided further*, That the city shall in no wise be responsible for any fees, costs or other expenses attending the prosecution of said suits; and in no case shall compensation exceeding 20 per cent. on the amounts recovered be allowed upon the proceeds of said suits returned to the city; *And provided further*, That those cases shall be unknown to the city officers.

The following resolution from the finance committee was read and unanimously adopted upon its several readings:

Resolved, That the controller warrant on the treasurer in favor of John F. Rust for the sum of five hundred dollars in U. S. currency, in reimbursement of a similar amount deposited by him at the time of the adjudication of the contract for digging canals.

The following resolution from the finance committee was defeated on a motion to adopt upon its first reading, the yeas and nays being called:

Resolved, That the controller warrant on the treasurer in favor of J. M. Weymouth for $500 as reimbursement of the amount paid in by Cresap & McMillan into the city treasury, in obedience to military order issued July 8, 1862.

The following resolution from the finance committee was read, a motion to lay on the table was lost, when the resolution was placed upon its several readings and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the finance committees be and they are hereby authorized to contract for and have printed bonds of the city of New Orleans to the extent of two millions of dollars, bearing date July 22d, 1868, payable in thirty years after date, and bearing interest at five per cent. per annum in semi-annual coupons; said bonds or such amount as may be necessary for the liquidation of the city indebtedness to the Commercial Bank, to be signed by the mayor, controller and treasurer, and paid over only upon the order of the Common Council.

The following resolution was read and referred to the committee on streets and landings:

Resolved, That the street commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to have all the gutters in the seventh, eighth and ninth wards of the Third District cleaned and the dirt thrown in the center of the streets from the levee to Claiborne street.

The committee on streets and landings submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE OF STREETS AND LANDINGS, Board of Assistant Aldermen, City Hall, Nov. 10, 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your committee have the honor to report upon the following subjects referred to them, viz:

1. Upon the resolution that the contractor for planting shade trees on Elysian Fields street, and replacing such as may have died, has failed to execute his contract, and further, that the street commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to continue the planting of said trees from Solidelle street to Marigny Canal, and that he replace such trees as may have died, your committee report favorably.

2. Upon the communication of the city surveyor relative to the petition of property holders on Peters and Clay streets, between Customhouse and Conti streets, and reporting to your honorable body that said petition concerning the construction of sidewalks on said streets has been published according to section 119 of the city charter, and no opposition having been made thereto, your committee would report favorably on the adjudication of a contract by the controller, and offer the necessary resolution for adoption.

3. Upon the petition of residents of the Seventh Ward, praying that Frenchmen street be shelled from Claiborne to Industry street, your committee would report that the said street being a shell road and under contract the necessary instructions will be immediately issued to the contractor to have said street placed in proper repair.

4. Upon the petition of James McGawley, representing that he purchased contracts for keeping in repair the paved streets of the Tenth and Eleventh Wards, which contracts were annulled by the Common Council after petitioner had entered into the performance of his duties, petitioner therefore claims pay for services performed from time his duties commenced until the same were annulled, amounting to one hundred and eighty-six dollars and forty cents, your committee report unfavorably.

5. Upon the petition of Joseph Barrere, lessee of stall No. 4, St. Mary's Market, protesting against the extension of stall No. 2 in said market as an obstruction to the public thoroughfare, and injurious to petitioner in his business; your committee beg leave to report unfavorably on said petition, the Common Council having granted the privilege to the farmer of said market to extend stall No. 2 in direction of stall No. 4, your committee are of the opinion that the subject matter be left entirely to the farmer of said market to continue or restore the said extension of stall No. 2 to its former condition.

GERALD FARRELL, Chairman,
W. W. WALKER,
G. PANDELY.

The following resolutions, accompanying the report of the committee on streets and landings were read and unanimously adopted on their several readings:

WHEREAS, The contractor for planting shade trees on Elysian Fields street, and for replacing such as may have died, has failed to execute his contract;

Resolved, That the street commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to continue the planting of said trees from Solidelle street to the elbow of Marigny's canal; *Provided*, The cost does not exceed five hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized, after five days notice in the official journal, to adjudicate a contract to the lowest bidder or bidders, for the construction of brick sidewalks on Peter and Clay streets, between Customhouse and Conti streets; the work to be done in strict accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

The committee on streets and landings submitted a supplementary report, as follows:

COMMITTEE OF STREETS AND LANDINGS, BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, City Hall, Nov. 10, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Board of Aldermen approving the adjudication for repairing the paved streets of the seventh, eighth and ninth wards of the city to T. O'Connell, and of the fourth and fifth wards to James Fallon, beg permission to withdraw so much of their former report as recommends a concurrence in the resolutions of the Board of Aldermen.

Your committee are prompted to this course by reason of the communication accompanying this report, and addressed to your committee by John Carbary, Esq., and which is respectfully submitted for your consideration, begging to be relieved from any further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,
GERALD FARRELL, Chairman.
G. PANDELY,
W. W. WALKER.

NEW ORLEANS, October 23, 1868.

Committee of Streets and Landings:

Gentlemen—The contract for repairing the paving in the Third District, sold to M. Connell over one year ago for sixteen thousand five hundred dollars, is now before the council for approval. I propose to do the same work and furnish all materials, and give ample security, for eight thousand dollars, which will be saving the city and taxpayers eight thousand five hundred dollars. The following names are those who will be my security, viz: Robert Carey and Thomas Bergin.

Very respectfully, JOHN CARBARY.

The above report was, on motion, referred to the surveyor, with instructions to examine into and report upon the subject alluded to.

The committee on fires submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON FIRES, BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, City Hall, New Orleans, Nov. 10, 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your committee have the honor to report on the petition of Fire Engine Company No. 21, to have their stable repaired, that the contract for repairing said stable was sold in May last, and the purchaser of the contract declines to do the work, and we therefore offer the accompanying resolution.

J. S. AITKENS, Chairman,
GERALD FARRELL,
ERNEST C. MORPHY.

The following resolution accompanying the report was unanimously adopted on its several readings:

Resolved, That the surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to have the stable of Fire Engine Company No. 21 repaired; *Provided*, The cost does not exceed five hundred dollars.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Pandely introduced the petition of Charles Morgan, asking for further wharfage facilities for the transaction of his business, which was read and referred to the committee on streets and landings.

Mr. Pandely presented the following resolution and asked its reference to the finance committee. Granted.

Resolved, That the proviso of section second of ordinance No. 818, N. S., approved December 27, 1867, be and the same is amended so as to read as follows; *And also provided*, That in no case shall said license be less than one hundred dollars for every private underwriter of insurance policies.

Upon motion of Mr. Breen the vote by which Mr. Maybin was granted authority to repair the roof of his house on Magazine street was reconsidered, when, upon motion so much of the resolution as read, "*as there is some doubt as to the right of Mr. Maybin to do so, he asks permission of your honorable body to do so*," was stricken out, and the resolution as follows unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That J. A. Mabin be and he is hereby authorized to repair, with similar material, the shingle roof now upon the one-story brick building owned by him on Magazine street (west side,) between St. Joseph and Delord streets.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. Sturcken—a motion to refer to the committee on police and health was lost—a motion finally prevailed to refer the matter to a special committee of two, consisting of Messrs. Sturcken and Breen:

Resolved, That permission be and it is hereby granted to B. Rister to continue her sausage manufactory, corner of Annunciation and Sixth streets, provided the said factory be kept in strict accordance with existing laws and ordinances, and only to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Mr. Montgomery offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted on its several readings:

Resolved, That the neutral ground or circles on Canal street at the intersection of Burgundy, Dryades and Rampart streets, be removed, and the same be paved with square blocks, the work to be done by the city surveyor.

Mr. Breen offered the following resolution, which was referred to the special committee appointed on that subject, at an earlier stage of the proceedings:

Resolved, That the street commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to replace the shade trees which have died on Washington street, Fourth District, by live ones, providing the cost of same does not exceed five hundred dollars.

The following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted on their several readings:

By Mr. Rose—

Resolved, That the surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to cause fifteen new table tops to be made for the butchers' stands in Dryades Market, provided the cost does not exceed five hundred dollars.

By Mr. Farrell—

Resolved, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized after five days' notice in the official journal, to adjudicate a contract to the lowest bidder or bidders for shelling and grading Constance street from Josephine to St. Andrew street, the work to be done in strict accordance with specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

By Mr. Farrell—

Resolved, That the adjudication of the contract for furnishing the city with 50,000 barrels of oyster shells to M. Condran be and the same is hereby approved.

Resolved further, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract before the city notary on the part of the city with M. Condran, as principal, and P. Leahy, as security, for furnishing the city with 50,000 barrels of oyster shells at thirty cents per barrel, in accordance with specifications of the city surveyor.

By Mr. Farrell—

WHEREAS, Nicholas Connell, contractor for shelling and grading Josephine street, between Apollo and Howard streets, having failed to commence said work in accordance with the terms and specifications of his contract; therefore,

Resolved, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized to adjudicate, after five days notice in the official journal, to the lowest bidder or bidders, a contract for shelling and grading Josephine street, between Apollo and Howard streets, under the original plans and specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor; and, further, that said Nicholas Connel, contractor, and his securities, be held liable *in solido*, for any loss or damages which may be sustained by the city in said adjudication.

By Mr. Farrell—

Resolved, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to sign and execute before the city notary an act of agreement, relative to the modifications and alterations made in ordinances 524 and 865, new series, embodying the tenor and scope of ordinance No. 1114, new series, relative to Kellar Market, approved November 4th, 1868.

By Mr. Farrell—

Resolved, That the adjudication by the controller of a contract for constructing plank sidewalks on one side of Magnolia street, from Keller Market to Washington street; also on one side of Third street, from Magnolia street to Willow street, and also on one side of Willew street, from Felicity Road to Jackson street, to H. C. Brown as principal, and Henry McGuinn as security, for and in consideration of the sum of forty-two cents per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties, per notarial act, for the performance of said work.

The board then adjourned.

JOHN TOBIN, Secretary.

OFFICIAL.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Nov. 6, 1868.

[No. 1123—N. S.]

Resolved, That the treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to submit immediately to the finance committees a statement of the number, denomination and amount of the million loan bonds paid out by him and now on hand, with a detailed statement as to whom and on what account said payments were made, and

Resolved, That in future a similar statement shall be made daily to the finance committee, who shall keep the same on file in their room, subject to examination by the members of the Common Council.

Resolved further, That the mayor and controller be and they are hereby requested to furnish the council at its regular weekly meetings, a statement of the number, denomination and amount of the aforesaid bonds that shall have been signed by them respectively.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Nov. 6, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Nov. 6, 1868.

[No. 1124—N. S.]

Resolved, That all specifications for contracts to be adjudicated by the controller, shall be made and published at the discretion of the Common Council, which specifications shall be approved by the chairmen of the committees on streets and landings.

Resolved further, That all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
Approved Nov. 6, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Nov. 6, 1868.

[No. 1125—N. S.]

Resolved, That in consequence of the increased litigation in which the city is involved, the city attorney be and he is hereby authorized to employ an additional assistant, whose salary shall be one hundred and seventy-five dollars per month, during the pleasure of the Common Council.

(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
Approved Nov. 6, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Nov. 6, 1868.

[No. 1126—N. S.]

Resolved, That the city surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to transfer all of the 30 inch main and 12 inch iron water pipes, now in possession of the city, to the commissioners of the city water works.

(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
Approved Nov. 6, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Sept. 30, 1868.

[No. 1046—N. S.]

Resolved, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized to sell, after five days notice in the official journal, the contract for cleaning out all the draining canals, according to specifications in the surveyor's department.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Sept. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, City Hall, New Orleans, Nov. 10, 1868.

Notice is hereby given that the controller will, at his office, on Tuesday, November 17, 1868, at noon, adjudicate to the lowest bidder or bidders, the above contract, as per specifications on file in his office.

PAS. LABARRE, Deputy Controller.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Oct. 28, 1868.

[No. 1109—N. S.]

Resolved, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized, after five days' notice in the official journal, to adjudicate a contract for repairing the breakwater and road at Milneburg, fronting the lake, between Frenchmen and St. Anthony streets, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
Approved Oct. 28, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, Nov. 6, 1868.

Notice is hereby given that the controller will, at his office, on Thursday, November 12, 1868, at noon, adjudicate to the lowest bidder or bidders the above contract, as per specifications on file in his office.

PAS. LABARRE, Deputy Controller.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Oct. 28, 1868.

[No. 1104—N. S.]

Resolved, That the controller be authorized to adjudicate to the lowest bidder, after five days' notice in the official journal, the contract for grading and shelling the east side of Washington Avenue, from Goodchildren to Claiborne street, say a distance of five squares.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Alderman.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Oct. 28, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, Nov. 6, 1868.

Notice is hereby given that the controller will, at his office, on Thursday, November 12, 1868, at noon, adjudicate to the lowest bidder or bidders the above contract, as per specifications on file in his office.

PAS. LABARRE, Deputy Controller.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, October 28, 1868.

[No. 1103—N. S.]

Resolved, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized, after five days notice in the official journal, to adjudicate a contract for shelling and grading Felicity Road, from Baronne to Howard street, according to specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Oct. 28, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, Nov. 6, 1868.

Notice is hereby given that the controller will, at his office, on Thursday, Nov. 12, 1868, at noon, adjudicate to the lowest bidder or bidders the above contract as per specifications on file in his office.

PAS. LABARRE, Deputy Controller.

OFFICIAL.

PETITION.....PETITION.

To the Honorable the Common Council of the city of New Orleans:

The undersigned, property holders on St. Andrew street, respectfully ask of the honorable the Common Council to cause a brick sidewalk, with three inch cypress curbing to be made on the southwest side of St. Andrew street, from Liberty to Claiborne street.

ANTON STEEVE, 60 feet.
LOUIS HOFFMAN, 30 feet.
WIDOW VICTORIA BILAC 95 feet.
WILLIAM NASH, 96 feet.
J. H. GERDING, 138 feet.
GEORGE KERN, 50 feet.
OWEN KELLY, 30 feet.
RUDOLPH BLIESATH, 90 feet.
J. H. KELLER, 547 feet.
Total number of feet 1136.

PETITION.....PETITION.

A l'Honorable Conseil Commun de la ville de la Nouvelle-Orleans:

Les soussignés, propriétaires sur la rue St André demandent respectueusement à votre honorable corps la construction d'une banquette en briques avec cotés de cipre, sur le coté sud ouest de la rue St-André, depuis la rue Liberte usqu'à la rue Claiborne.

ANTON STEEVE, 60 pieds.
LOUIS HOFFMAN, 30 pieds.
VEUVE VICTORIA BILAC, 95 pieds.
WILLIAM NASH, 96 pieds.
J. H. GERDING, 138 pieds.
GEORGE KERN, 50 pieds.
OWEN KELLY, 30 pieds.
RUDOLPH BLIESATH, 90 pieds.
J. H. KELLER, 547 pieds.
Nombre total de pieds 1136.

PETITION.....PETITION.

NEW ORLEANS August 13, 1868.

To the Honorable the