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CITY COUNCIL--OFFICIAL.

Regular Meeting.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, April 19, 1870.

The Council met in regular session at 7 P. M.

Present: B. F. Flanders, Mayor, in the chair, Administrators West, Shaw, Delassize, S. C. Emley, E. W. Pierce and J. S. Walton.

Absent: D. B. Macarty.

Roll called, and reading of the minutes of last meeting dispensed with.

Department Reports.

The Mayor called for reports from the various departments.

Administrator Walton, Finance, presented the following statement, which was ordered to be spread upon the official journal.

Administrator of Finance's report of assets received from W. S. Mount, late Treasurer city of New Orleans:

Cash		$17,516 66
The cash book shows a balance of	$317,516 66	
Metropolitan Police Warrants		82,523 47
City notes		6,386 55
Certificate of 60,000 shares Opelousas Railroad stock		
Twenty-eight consolidated bonds		28,000 00
J. B. Durel's check on Pike, Lapayre & Bro., dated January 26, 1867, to be paid out of proceeds of Levee Bonds		4,048 00
Certificate of C. Case, Receiver First National Bank		68,121 70
One hundred sheets city notes $1, $2 $3		
Eighteen packages city notes, blank		
Two boxes city notes, blank		
Special Deposit in Southern Bank on account of levee dues		427 46
Bills receivable		216 939 24
CONSOLIDATED DEBT.		
City notes		80,816 77
M'DONOGH SCHOOL FUND.		
Two hundred and forty-nine city bonds, $1000	249,000 00	
Ten city bonds, $10,000	100,000 00	
Fifty-one coupons city bonds, $30	1,530 00	
One certificate Southern Bank, city notes	12,010 00	
One certificate Southern Bank, city notes	13,900 00	
One certificate Southern Bank, city notes	9,810	
One registered bill, city of New Orleans, interest	3,270	
One Finance Committee receipt for certificate No. 16 of Southern Bank, payable in seven per cent bonds	$25,138 04	
One Finance Committee receipt for certificate No. 9, of Southern Bank	87,093 20	
Bank of Louisiana notes	160 00	
United States Treasury notes	4,725 16	
Receipts for city defense bonds	142,300 00	
Two hundred and two city defense bonds	202,000 00	—$1,350,916 50
FINE ASYLUM FUND.		
Confederate States bonds	5,500 00	
Certificate of eighteen shares Jackson Railroad stock		
Certificate of twelve shares Opelousas Railroad stock		
Merchants Insurance scrip	44 00	
Sun Insurance scrip	80 00	
Two city defense bonds	55,000 00	
Two certificates Southern Bank, city notes	25,000 00	
One certificate Southern Bank, city notes	4,320 00	
Registered bill, city of New Orleans	1,440 00	
Eighteen coupons city bonds, $30	540 00	
T. W. Bodice's note	2,100 00	
United States Treasury notes	1,059 97	
One hundred and thirteen city bonds	113,000 00	—208,084 97
TOURO ALMSHOUSE FUND.		
City notes	544 75	
United States Treasury notes	3,347 20	—3,891 95

NEW ORLEANS, April 19, 1870.

I received no schedule of these assets, but gave receipts for them in lots as they were delivered to me, except the bills receivable, which were in the Southern Bank.

(Signed) JOHN S. WALTON, Administrator of Finance.

Administrator West (Improvements) laid before the Council:

1. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign contracts with P. Markey and W. Henry.

2. Ordinance to promote cleanliness and salubrity of the city.

3. Resolution annulling contracts.

4. Ordinance organizing the Department of Improvements.

Administrator West moved that the report embracing the foregoing ordinances and resolutions be received and laid on the table, subject to call.

Agreed to.

Petitions.

A petition from the Police Jury of the parish of Jefferson, asking for a settlement of a claim of seven hundred and twenty dollars, their proportion of the rent received by the city of New Orleans from the Jackson or Gretna Ferry, was read and referred to the Administrator of Accounts.

A petition of C. J. Shepherd, for the remission of back taxes, was also referred to the Administrator of Accounts.

A petition of Denis Cronan, Jr., asking the Council to annul his lease for collecting the revenues of the Treme Market, for the year 1870, was also referred to the Administrator of Accounts.

A petition from a large number of property holders of St. Charles street, asking the Council to annul the contract entered into by the late city government with the Southern Paving Company, for paving St. Charles street with the Nicolson pavement, was read and referred to the Administrator of Improvements.

Communications From the Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council a statement of the position of the Girod Fund, furnished him by ex-Mayor Conway, stating that there was a cash balance of four hundred dollars which he had received, and the city appeared by the statement to be indebted to the fund in the sum of seventy odd thousand dollars.

The statement was ordered to be printed in the minutes, and then to be referred back to the Mayor.

The statement is appended.

GIROD FUND, IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN R. CONWAY.

1868.		
September 25—To cash for one city consolidated bond, $1000, at seventy cents		$700 00
October 6—To cash for fees in suit versus John T. Monroe		7 50
October 6—To cash for fees in suit versus Trustee of Fund		104 70
October 6—To cash for transcript of judgment		9 50
October 6—To cash, H. D. Ogden, attorney		500 00
October 6—To cash, E. Filleul, attorney		100 00
October 6—To cash, Fifth District Court, Merz vs. Fund		141 65
October 6—To cash Sheriff's fees, Johnson vs. Trustee		23 50
October 6—To cash, fees to Supreme Court		20 00
October 6—To cash, United States revenue stamps	$4 50	
October 6—To cash for key of tin box (city money)	1 00—	5 50
October 6—To cash, discount and stamps on note $300	64 17	
October 6—To cash, discount and stamps on note $8400	179 57	
October 6—To cash, discount and stamps on note $7189 28	189 28	
October 6—To cash, discount on note $1032 36	32 36—	465 38
October 6—To cash, interest on note $300 at eight per cent	39 33	
October 6—To cash, interest on note $8400 at eight per cent	265 06	
October 6—To cash, interest on notes $7189 28 at eight per cent	47 92	
October 6—To cash, interest on note $1032 36 at eight per cent	36 23—	408 54
October 6—To cash paid Samuel Johnson on account	25,000 00	
October 6—To cash paid to Wrede & Selby	1,000 00—	26,000 00
1870.		
April 11—To cash handed to B. F. Flanders, Mayor		449 68
		$28,935 15
1868.		
June 17—By cash received from E. Heath, Mayor		$2 070 00
June 17—By coupons collected		2,940 00
June 17—By sale of eight city consolidated bonds, $1000 each, at 72½ cents		5,800 00
June 17—By sale of two city consolidated bonds, $1000 each, at 72 cents		1,440 00
June 17—By sale of five city consolidated bonds, $1000 each, at 67 cents		3,350 00
June 17—By sale of thirteen city consolidated bonds, $1000 each, at 67 cents		8,710 00
June 17—By sale of one city consolidated bond, $1000, at 70 cents		700 00
June 17—By sale one city consolidated bond, $1000, at 70 cents		700 00
June 17—By sale of four City Railroad bonds, $1000 each, at 65 cents		2,620 00
June 17—By sale of city seven per cent bonds, $800 each, at 72 cents		576 00
June 17—By sale of city money, $35 35 at fifteen per cent		29 95
		$28,935 95
Contracts with Samuel Johnson for building asylum	$94,000 00	
Less paid him, first and second installments and on account	25,000 00	$69,000 00
Contract with Wrede & Selby for gas pipe	2,500 00	
Less paid them on account	1,000 00	1,500 00
Due L. H. Pilie, supervisor and architect, for contract on $82,500 at five per cent		4,125 00
		$74,625 00
Due by city of New Orleans for account herewith, cash June 30, 1868		$71,509 00
Interest on same to April 1, 1870, at seven per cent		3,753 75
Due by the city, cash April 1, 1870		$75,283 75
Cash on hand		449 68

(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor and Trustee of Girod Fund.

Administrator Walton called up the ordinance imposing a special police tax, and moved to amend by striking out the word "thirteenth" of September, in the first section, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirtieth"; also to amend by striking out the words: "and to pay any deficiency that may exist in the means provided for the appointment for the year 1869," in the same section.

The amendments were adopted.

Administrator West (Improvements) moved that the third section, which is a simple repetition of a provision of the charter, be stricken out.

Adopted.

The ordinance then stood as follows:

An ordinance levying a special tax of three-quarters of one per cent for Metropolitan Police purposes.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans—

SECTION 1. That in conformity to the provisions and requirements of an act of the Legislature, approved March 8, 1869, entitled "An act to amend and re-enact an act entitled 'an act to establish a Metropolitan Police District, and to provide for the government thereof, approved September 14, 1868,'" and in order to provide the means to pay and discharge the annual estimate and apportionment, apportioned and estimated against the city of New Orleans by the Board of Metropolitan Police, convened as a board of estimate and apportionment, as provided in the twenty-seventh section of said act, which apportionment and estimate have been duly notified to the city of New Orleans, wherein it appears that the sum of seven hundred and seventy-nine thousand one hundred and thirteen dollars and ten cents is apportioned and estimated as the amount due and to be paid on account of the Board of Metropolitan Police for the year ending on the thirtieth day of September, A. D. 1870, by the city of New Orleans as it existed on the first day of October, A. D. 1869, that there be and hereby is assessed and levied a special tax of three quarters of one per cent upon the assessed value of all property within the city of New Orleans, both real and personal, as valued and assessed in the assessment rolls of property in the city last completed; provided that the special tax authorised by this ordinance shall not be levied upon any property situate or assessed within the limits of the late City of Jefferson, or that portion of the parish of Orleans situated on the right bank of the Mississippi river, or any portion of the territory included within the present city of New Orleans upon which a special tax for the same purpose has been levied during and for the current year.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That said special tax of three-quarters of one per cent levied by this ordinance is hereby declared to be due and exigible from and after the promulgation of this ordinance; and that the Administrator of Public Accounts be and is hereby instructed to cause to be prepared and delivered to the Administrator of Finance, with the least possible delay, the special tax bills necessary for the enforcement and collection of said special tax; and that the Administrator of Public Accounts be and is hereby authorized to employ such additional clerical force as may be necessary to accomplish the object of this ordinance; and, further, that such sum of money as may be necessary therefor be and the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to be paid from the fund set apart as a contingent fund.

The ordinance, as amended, was put upon its third reading.

The ayes and nays being called, the following members voted:

Ayes: Administrators West, Shaw, Delassize, Emley, Pierce and Walton.

Nays: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted.

A resolution, laid over from the last meeting, requiring the acting officers appointed by the departments to give their bonds before the City Notary, was laid over indefinitely.

Administrator Emley (Commerce), called up the ordinance appointing inspectors of wood and coal, which he submitted in a revised and amended form.

Mr. West moved that the amended ordinance be spread upon the minutes and printed, and laid over.

Agreed to.

The amended ordinance was as follows:

Mr. Emley offered this further ordinance, which was also laid over subject to call:

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the city be and hereby is divided into two wood and coal divisions; that all of that part of the city above Canal street shall be constituted and known as the first division, and that part below Canal street, including the Fifth District, shall be constituted and known as the second division.

Be it further ordained, That in the month of April, eighteen hundred and seventy, and annually thereafter, the Administrator of Commerce shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoint one inspector of wood and coal for each of said divisions, with such number of assistant inspectors as may be necessary.

Be it further ordained, That from and after the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy, it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, or offer for sale or deliver, any firewood or coal, at retail, from any wagon, cart, vehicle, yard or other place, until the same has been measured by one of the inspectors or assistant inspectors aforesaid, and his certificate obtained therefor; that all cord wood brought to market within this city shall be at least four feet in length, including one half the kerf, and the cord shall be computed at the rate of eight feet in length, four feet in breadth and four feet in height, well stowed and packed; provided, that if the deficiency in the average length of any such cord wood shall not exceed six inches, the same may be measured as cord wood, and the inspector shall make an allowance for same of double such deficiency; that every load of wood sold or offered for sale in the city shall be stowed as closely together as it can conveniently be put, and no crooked wood shall be stowed in any such load, but all crooked wood shall be sold by itself as refuse wood.

Be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of all persons selling coal or coke in this city, at retail, to have their carts and other vehicles used for delivering the same constructed in such manner that the top thereof shall form a plain surface, and that the end board shall be of the same height as the sideboards, and the top of the sideboards, together with the top and bottom of the end board shall be covered with iron in such manner as to prevent them from wearing off, and the said cart or other vehicle shall be of such capacity as to contain, when even full, 67,200 cubic inches, or twenty-five bushels of coal, of 2688 cubic inches each.

Be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of such inspectors or assistant inspectors to ascertain by calculating the cube thereof, that all carts or other vehicles now used, or that may hereafter be used, for hauling or delivering coal or coke have the above required capacity, and that they are made to conform in all other respects to the above provisions, and shall, upon ascertaining these facts, cause the said carts or vehicles to be marked by a tin sign on the left side, having inscribed thereon "twenty-five bushels, inspected." Such inspectors shall moreover re-examine all carts or other vehicles used in the delivery or sale of coal or coke once in every twelve months, and shall report to the Administrator of Commerce the names of all persons refusing or neglecting to comply with the above provisions, or using carts of insufficient capacity, or in any way violating the same.

Be it further ordained, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to deliver, or cause to be delivered, any coal or coke to any purchaser by any other measure than that above defined, or from any cart, wagon or other vehicles that has not been duly inspected and marked as afore said, or for any person or persons to leave any boat, yard or other place of deposit, with any cart, wagon or other vehicle loaded with coal or coke, with the intention of delivering the coal or coke therein to any purchaser or purchasers until the said cart, wagon or other vehicle has been duly filled even full, or in any other manner to violate the provisions of this ordinance; provided, that notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be lawful for all coal carts or other vehicles used in carrying coal or coak, to have a gauge mark for the purpose of measuring and carrying half a load, or twelve and one-half bushels of coal.

Be it further ordained, That such inspectors or assistant inspectors shall measure and inspect all firewood brought to such stands as may be designated, and shall grant the vendor of each load a certificate setting forth the quantity thereof, and date of inspection, making a reasonable and fair allowance for loss sustained by crooked and uneven wood, estimating a cord to contain one hundred and twenty eight cubic feet, and for each and every load containing fifty cubic feet or over, so measured and inspected, he shall receive a fee of fifteen cents, and for each and every load containing less than fifty cubic feet, a fee of ten cents, and no more, to be paid by the seller.

That such inspectors shall see that all provisions of this ordinance, as relating to the sale of coal, are complied with; shall have offices or stations convenient to the several coal landings, where they may examine and inspect all coal being sold at retail; and for each and every cart load, thus examined and inspected, they shall issue a certificate setting forth the quantity of coal therein, and shall receive a fee of five cents therefor from the seller; and for each and every cart measured and examined, as provided for in this ordinance, the said inspectors, or assistant inspectors, shall be entitled to receive a fee of fifty cents; and for each and every cart re-examined as aforesaid, they shall be entitled to receive a fee of twenty-five cents.

Be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of such inspectors and assistant inspectors to keep separate books of certificates for wood and coal, with marginal counterparts, which books shall at all times show the number of loads of wood and coal inspected.

Be it further ordained, That the certificate so furnished by said inspectors shall be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers of such load of wood, coke or coal that may be sold or delivered in the city of New Orleans, and any vendor or vendors of firewood or coal selling, delivering, or causing to be delivered, any load or loads of wood or coal without such certificate, or any wise offending the provisions of this ordinance, shall, on conviction thereof before the Recorder of the District in which the offense may be committed, be fined in a sum not less than twenty five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, one-half of which fine shall inure to the benefit of the informer, if such informer be a private citizen, and in default of payment shall be imprisoned not less than ten days, nor more than twenty days; and the Recorder shall order such wood or coal to be confiscated for the use of the city, or of such charitable institution as he may deem proper, and it is hereby made the duty of all police officers to attend to the enforcement of this ordinance.

Be it further ordained, That if any person shall molest or interrupt, or intermeddle in any way or manner, with any of the said inspectors of this city when in the performance of their official duties, every such person so offending shall, on conviction thereof before the Recorder of the District in which the offense may be committed, forfeit and pay to the city of New Orleans for every such offense a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, with costs of prosecution.

Be it further ordained, That all ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed; and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of May, 1870.

Administrator West (Improvements) called up the resolution authorizing the Administrator of Improvements to advertise, by ten days' notice, for proposals to supply his department with ten thousand barrels lake shells, which was read a second time and laid over under the charter provision.

Administrator Emley called up the ordinance appointing inspectors of markets, with amendments.

The ordinance was taken up section by section. The title and first section were read and adopted as follows:

An ordinance relative to Markets, appointment of Inspectors thereof, prescribing penalties for certain offenses, abolishing the office of Commissaries, and repealing laws inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That in the month of April, 1870, and annually thereafter, the Administrator of Commerce shall nominate, and by and with the consent of the Council, appoint such number of inspectors as the said Administrator of Commerce and the Council may deem necessary, whom he may assign to duty in such parts of the city as he may deem advisable, and transfer them therefrom at his pleasure.

The second section was read, as follows:

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of each inspector to visit and inspect daily all places within the limits to which he may be assigned, where cattle or other animals are exposed for sale, or slaughtered and prepared for food, or other provisions are offered for sale or sold, and forbid and prevent, by all lawful means, the preparing or offering for sale, or selling by any person, of any blown or tainted or unwholesome provisions, meats of any animal that may be infected with or have died of any disease, or any articles of food calculated to be injurious to health. It shall also be his duty to see that the farmers or lessees of the several public or private markets of this city cause the stalls, stands or tables of their respective markets or places to be scraped, washed and cleaned daily, and that the markets, places and stalls aforesaid are kept in the highest state of cleanliness possible; that the scales and weights used in the said markets or other places, by butchers or other vendors of articles of food therein, are proved and stamped in accordance with law; that the farmers or lessees of the public markets observe and comply with all the stipulations and conditions of the various ordinances or contracts under which said market or markets may be so leased, farmed or hired out, and perform all other duties heretofore imposed by law on commissaries of markets not inconsistent herewith; and it is hereby made an offense, punishable as hereinafter provided, for any violation by any person of the terms of this ordinance.

Administrator West inquired the bearing of this section on the slaughterhouse controversy?

Mr. Emley replied that the ordinance itself stated it was not intended to conflict with any State laws. The object of the section was simply to give the inspectors the right of going anywhere where they found cattle not in a condition to be slaughtered and of preventing their being slaughtered if possible.

Mr. West said the explanation was satisfactory, and he moved the adoption of the section.

Section three was read as follows:

SEC. 3. Be it further ordained, That it becomes and is hereby made the duty of each inspector to seize or cause to be seized such meat or other articles of food as may be found by him to be blown, tainted or unwholesome, and arrest or cause to be arrested the person or persons so slaughtering, preparing or exposing for sale, or selling, or that may have sold such meat or other articles of food, and immediately have such person or persons tried before the Recorder of the district in which the offense may have been committed. And it is hereby made the duty of such Recorder, on due proof being presented to him of such offense, to condemn the offender or offenders to pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or less than fifty dollars, for each offense, one-half of which fine shall inure to the benefit of the informer, if such informer be a private citizen; and in default of payment, such offender or offenders shall be imprisoned not more than thirty, nor less than fifteen days; and the said Recorder shall dispose of or destroy the said meat or other article of food, as he may deem proper.

And it is further provided, that any violation of the provisions relative to the cleaning of stalls, markets, or other places, the keeping of legal weights and measures, by any person, and the infraction of the conditions and obligations imposed upon the farmers and lessees, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five, nor more than fifty dollars.

The section was adopted.

Section four was next considered.

SEC. 4. Be it further ordained, That each inspector shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, payable monthly, on rolls to be prepared by the Administrator of Commerce, and said inspectors shall be under the control and supervision of said Administrator, and to whom they shall report each and every infraction of the provisions of this ordinance.

The Mayor in putting the motion for adoption, reminded the Council that this was an ordinance fixing a salary.

Adopted.

The next section was as follows:

SEC. 5. Be it further ordained, That in the event of any of the public markets of the city not being farmed, leased or hired out for any year or part of a year, or that the farmers or lessees of one or more of such markets should be placed in default, and their market or markets revert to the city, the said Administrator of Commerce shall moreover nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoint a fit and proper person for each of such markets, to take charge of and perform all the duties and obligations that are now or may hereafter be imposed upon by the farmers or lessees of markets. Such officer or officers shall, moreover, upon furnishing bond and security in such sum and with such security as shall be required and approved by the Administrator of Finance, shall collect and receive for the account and benefit of the city, all such fees or market dues as are or may be charged for the use of stalls in markets by present or future ordinances, and pay over and deliver all moneys so collected unto the Administrator of Finance, each and every day before the hour of two o'clock P. M.

The Mayor, with the remark that he did not think the provisions of this section would work well in practice, put the question and the section was adopted.

The next section of the ordinance was read as follows:

SEC. 6. Be it further ordained, That the officers appointed under the above section shall have and receive a commission of five per centum on all moneys so collected for and paid into the city, as full compensation of all services they may render.

The Mayor stated that he should himself object to the payment of fees in such a case.

Adopted.

Section seven and last was adopted as follows:

SEC. 7. Be it further ordained, That the office of commissary of markets be and the same is hereby abolished, and that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Administrator Emley moved the adoption of the ordinance as a whole.

Administrator Walton seconded the motion, which was carried.

Administrator Emley called up the ordinance defining the duties of the Department of Commerce.

The title and first section were read, as follows:

An ordinance defining the duties of the Department of Commerce, and providing for its organization.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the Department of Commerce shall be and is hereby charged with the sole and exclusive superintendence of all matters relating to markets, railroads, canals, weights and measures the Fire Department, manufactories, and of all laws and ordinances relating to the trade and commerce of the city, the improvement of its commerce, and of all duties and regulations concerning the same, and to see that all city ordinances and laws relative thereto are obeyed and enforced. To this end and for the more effectual attainment thereof, the Administrator of the Department of Commerce shall, from time to time, prepare and submit to the Council, for its action and approval, all such ordinances as may be necessary to prescribe and collect rates of levee dues and wharfage; to fix and determine the place or places for anchoring and mooring ships, steamboats and all other vessels or water crafts that may arrive or remain within the limits of the city of New Orleans, and of all docks for ships, steamboats or other vessels; to fix the mode of inspecting all comestibles and articles of produce or commerce that may be sold or offered for sale in the city of New Orleans, either in the markets or in any public or private places, not inconsistent with any State laws relative thereto; to regulate the proper government of carts, drays, carriages, omnibuses, and other vehicles of every description; freight locomotives, passenger and street cars, which run in the streets and within the limits of the city, and to fix and determine the charges and tariffs to be paid by the same; to determine the dimensions of carts or other vehicles employed in carrying firewood, coal or coke in the city; to fix the places where firewood, coal, coke, charcoal, lumber, or other articles of trade or commerce may be deposited or stored or exposed for sale, and where and in what quantities the same may be kept and sold; to establish and regulate ferries and market places, and provide for the farming of the same; to impose and collect fines against all persons transgressing any and all city ordinances and regulations or laws relative thereto; to fix the number of officers and their duties, and to appoint all such officers, with the approval of the Council, as may be found necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of all ordinances or laws relating to any or all of the matters aforesaid.

Mr. Emley moved the adoption of this section.

Mr. West, for the purpose of bringing the matter before the Council, seconded the motion.

After debate, Administrator Shaw (Accounts) moved to refer the ordinance back to the Department of Commerce, to postpone the consideration of it till the next meeting.

The Mayor stated that the general ordinances defining the duties of the respective departments, which he had been requested to draw up, were in course of preparation, and would be ready, he believed, next week.

The ordinance was laid over for further consideration.

New Business.

Administrator Walton (Finances) offered the following resolution, which was carried:

WHEREAS, A number of licenses have been issued for smaller sums than the city is entitled to, which evil it is necessary to correct; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Administrator of Finance be authorized, upon application of the persons holding such improper licenses, to refund the amount, upon the warrant of the Administrator of Public Accounts, in part payment of the new licenses properly issued.

Mr. Walton offered this further resolution, which was also adopted:

Resolved, That ordinance No. 1637, new series, approved December 24, 1869, making a special appropriation of the levee dues for the repairs of the wharves and bulkheads, be hereby repealed, and that the Administrator of Finance be hereby authorized to transfer the balance of $427 46 now remaining in bank to the credit of said appropriation, to the general funds of the city.

Administrator Shaw (Public Accounts) offered the following:

Resolved, That the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in favor of the following asylums for the sums respectfully set opposite their names, being their quarterly allowance for charity to March 31, 1870, in conformity with article 716, Revised City Laws and Ordinances:

St. Joseph German Asylum, two hundred and one orphans, seven hundred and three dollars and fifty cents	$703 50
St. Mary's Male Orphan Asylum, three hundred and sixty-five orphans, twelve hundred and seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents	1277 50
Protestant Orphans' Home, Seventh street, one hundred and twenty-five orphans, four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents	437 50
Orphan Girls' Immaculate Conception Asylum, ninety orphans, three hundred and fifteen dollars	315 00
St. Elizabeth Female Orphan Asylum, one hundred and fifty-two orphans, five hundred and thirty-two dollars	532 00
Orphans' Home Society Asylum, one hundred orphans, three hundred and fifty dollars	350 00
Sisters' of Mount Carmel Asylum, one hundred and eighty-three orphans, six hundred and forty dollars and fifty cents	640 50
St. Vincent Infant Orphan Asylum, with nurses, two hundred dollars	200 00
St. Vincent Infant Orphan Asylum, one hundred and sixty-three orphans, five hundred and seventy dollars and fifty cents	570 50
New Orleans Female Orphan Asylum, one hundred and ninety-six orphans, six hundred and eighty-six dollars	686 00
St. Vincent Home Boys' Asylum, seventy-four orphans, two hundred and fifty nine dollars	259 00
And in favor of the House of the Good Shepherd for their quarterly allowance of charity to March 31, 1870, as per ordinance 456, new series, for one hundred and fifty inmates, five hundred and twenty-five dollars	525 00

The resolution was adopted.

Administrator Shaw next offered the following ordinance:

An ordinance to provide for the extinction of the floating indebtedness of the city of New Orleans, and the issue of bonds for the payment thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the Mayor and Administrator of Finance shall, as soon as practicable, cause to be designed and engraved bonds of the denominations of fifty, one hundred, five hundred and one thousand dollars, sufficient to provide for the issue of three millions of dollars under and in pursuance of section forty-one of an act entitled "an act to extend the limits of the parish of Orleans," etc., approved March 16, 1870.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That the Council shall proceed to the election of a chartered bank to be Administrator of the Floating Debt, which said bank, prior to said election, shall enter into contract with the city of New Orleans, represented by the Mayor, by notarial act, whereby it shall agree to accept said trust under the provisions of this ordinance, and to negotiate no bonds except to the highest bidder or offerer, and to subject all bids or offers to the Council of the city of New Orleans, and obtain its approval before accepting, ratifying or acting upon the same. And the said bank shall further contract and agree to be bound to observe and act according to such further regulations as the Council may adopt for the sale or negotiation of said bonds, and the protection of the interests of the city and the taxpayers thereof.

SEC. 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That upon the completion of the said contract and the election of said bank as Administrator of the Floating Debt, it shall be the duty of the Administrator of Public Accounts, as soon as practicable, to furnish said bank with the sworn statement of the floating debt required by law, together with all liquidated obligations placed in his hands and found to be in accordance with law, whereupon the said Administrator of the floating indebtedness shall advertise and give sufficient time for proposals from all holders or owners of the floating indebtedness to receive bonds therefor at par. And on the bank exhibiting said proposals it shall be the duty of the Mayor to issue to said bank or Administrator of the Floating Debt, bonds duly signed and attested, of the denominations demanded by the proposals to be used in the exchange or payment therefor; provided, that in all cases where the holder or owner shall be entitled to a balance under fifty dollars, for which no bond is provided, he shall be entitled to a certificate, and such certificates of adequate amount may be used together to make up the necessary amount to receive a bond, and this provision is extended to other sales of bonds herein provided for.

SEC. 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That after due time for the taking up of bonds at par, the Administrator of the Floating Indebtedness shall, with the approval of the Mayor, and in such manner and form as may be by him approved, advertise, or negotiate for the highest bids, or proposals, for bonds at a price not lower than twenty-five per cent less than the face thereof, and upon the submission of said bids or proposals by the Administrator of the Floating Debt to the Common Council and its approval and acceptance thereof, the Mayor may issue such further amount of bonds as may be necessary for the Administrator of the Floating Indebtedness to exchange or dispose of in accordance with said approved proposals. And negotiations or calls for proposals shall, if necessary, be from time to time renewed under the direction of the Mayor by the Administrator of the Floating Indebtedness in place of unsatisfactory bids and proposals, and to continue and complete the negotiation of the entire three millions of bonds.

SEC. 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That no bonds issued by the city of New Orleans in pursuance and under authorization of section forty-one of the act of the Legislature aforesaid shall be issued except upon approved proposals or bids, made to and submitted by the administrator of the Floating Debt, and approved and accepted by Council.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That in case of the application of funds resulting from the sale of bonds, as herein provided for, to an insufficient amount to defray the items of indebtedness certified to the Administrator of the Floating Debt, the following order shall be observed in payment: 1. Pay-rolls of laborers. 2. Pay-rolls of teachers. 3. Warrants. 4. Registered bills. 5. City notes.

SEC. 7. Be it further ordained, etc., That for the negotiation of bonds and the exchange, payment or sale thereof, the Administrator of the Floating Indebtedness shall receive in full compensation of services as well as for all expenses thereof, except furnishing and engraving the bonds, one-half of one per cent of the face of the bonds so negotiated, exchanged, paid out or sold, and no more.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the several provisions of this ordinance shall be incorporated as items of the contract, to be entered into notarially with the bank to be chosen as Administrator of the Floating Debt, and the same shall bind itself to the city to act fully in accordance therewith, and not otherwise; and it is further ordained, that no issue of bonds, as authorized under section forty-one of act of March sixteen, aforesaid, shall be made or held valid, unless done in full compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, and with such further rules, provisions and regulations as may be hereafter made supplementary thereto by the Common Council.

The foregoing ordinance, Mr. Shaw stated, had been in a measure redrafted by the Mayor. Some of the changes made he admitted to be improvements; others he should contest. He would offer the Mayor's substitute, as well as his original ordinance in order that both might be spread upon the minutes. The substitute was as follows:

An ordinance to regulate and control the issue and sale of the three million bonds provided for the payment of the floating debt of the city of New Orleans.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans. That the Mayor and Administrator of Finance shall, as soon as practicable, cause to be designed and engraved bonds of the denominations of fifty, one hundred, five hundred and one thousand dollars, sufficient to provide for the issue of three millions of dollars under and in pursuance of section forty-one of an act entitled "an act to extend the limits of the parish of Orleans," etc., approved March 16, 1870.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That on the —— day of —— the City Council shall proceed to the election of a chartered bank of the city of New Orleans to be Administrator of the Floating Debt, such administration to be entered upon by said bank, subject to the conditions hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That upon the election of said bank as Administrator of the Floating Debt, it shall be the duty of the Administrator of Public Accounts, as soon as practicable, to furnish said bank and also the Mayor of the city with the sworn statement of the floating debt required by law, together with all liquidated obligations placed in his hands and found to be in accordance with law, whereupon the said administrator of the floating indebtedness shall advertise for proposals from all holders or owners of the floating indebtedness to receive bonds therefor at par, giving sufficient time for such proposals to be handed in. And on the bank exhibiting said proposals it shall be the duty of the Mayor to issue to said bank or administrator of the floating indebtedness, bonds duly signed and attested of the denominations demanded by the proposals to be used in the exchange or payment therefor; provided, that in all cases where the holder or owner shall be entitled to a sum under fifty dollars, for which no bond is provided, he shall be entitled to a certificate, and such certificates of adequate amount may be used together to make up the necessary amount to receive a bond, and this provision is extended to other sales of bonds hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That after due time for the taking up of bonds at par, the Administrator of the Floating Indebtedness shall, with the approval of the Mayor, advertise or negotiate for the highest bids or proposals for bonds at a price not lower than twenty-five per cent less than the face thereof, and upon the submission of said bids or proposals by the Administrator of the Floating Debt to the Common Council and its approval and acceptance thereof, the Mayor may issue such further amount of bonds as may be necessary for the Administrator of the Floating Indebtedness to exchange or dispose of in accordance with said approved proposals. And negotiations or calls for proposals shall, if necessary, be from time to time renewed under the direction of the Mayor by the Administrator of the Floating Indebtedness until the negotiation of the entire three millions of bonds is completed.

SEC. 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That no bonds issued by the city of New