and showed a lack of vigilance in not following up the order of the Assessor, and issuing on a verification of the tax roll at the proper time and place, as invited to do by public notice every year, and as indicated by the city charter.

Thirdly—The only evidence before me is merely an ex parte statement in the formal style of a commercial letter, with no sanctity of oath of any member of the firm to it; neither has the petition the support of any corroborative testimony of any kind, nor is it accompanied by the slightest explanation from the Assessor, tending to prove that an error had been committed or an injustice had been done, while, on the other hand, the books in this office satisfactorily show that notice to make their return was served on petitioners, and that they paid no attention to it.

After a careful consideration of the subject and of my duty in the premises, and with a religious sympathy for the victim of oppressive taxation, I am forced to report that in such cases, or in cases presented in like such manner, I can neither afford nor recommend relief.

Very respectfully,
H. BONZANO,
Administrator of Assessments.

The following was received, and the resolution accompanying it, adopted:

Report by the Administrator of Assessments on the petition of William Jochem, 251 Perdido street, fourth assessment district.

DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS,
City of New Orleans, June 14, 1870.

Petitioner asks to be relieved from the payment of taxes for 1868, and to have writ of seizure set aside.

The original claim for tax amounts to twelve dollars.

I have investigated this case, find that "Jochem" is poor, old and feeble, and really an object for your charitable consideration.

I therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Very respectfully,
H. BONZANO,
Administrator of Assessments.

Resolved, That the City Attorney be, and is hereby, authorized to give the Sheriff such instructions in the case of the city of New Orleans vs. W. Jochem, as may be necessary in order to meet the petitioner in the spirit of this report.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report by the Administrator of Assessments on the petition of Mrs. A. Doubaire.

DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS,
City of New Orleans, June 14, 1870.

Petitioner's furniture has been seized for tax of 1868, amounting to fifteen dollars.

It is a case of poverty, and I move the City Attorney be authorized to instruct the Sheriff to suspend writ indefinitely.

Very respectfully,
H. BONZANO,
Administrator of Assessments.

On the petition of T. F. Cullen, May 10, referred to the Administrator of Assessments, May 10, Mr. Bonzano called up his report, made at the regular meeting of the Council, May 24, and that report was adopted.

Deferred Business.

Mr. West called up the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Mayor be authorized to sign a lease with A. W. Moffett for three (3) lots of ground, the property of the city, in square 2 A, bounded by Front, Wells, Grossmen and Cassomhouse streets, measuring seventy-three feet nine inches by one hundred and twenty feet in depth. Said lease to be for one (1) year from July 1, 1870, for the sum of twelve hundred ($1200) dollars, payable monthly. The lessee to have the privilege of removing at the expiration of the lease, all improvements made by him upon the property.

He stated that this property was assessed at fifteen hundred dollars, and the interest proposed was at the rate of eight per cent on the assessed value. He thought the city might as well have this interest as let the property lie idle. It was from Mr. Moffett himself he first learned that the city owned the property. The Mayor had been requested to prepare a statement of all vacant property owned by the city, but he presumed he had not yet had time to do so.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Delassize called up the following resolution, laid over from the adjourned meeting:

Whereas, The lighting by gas the streets of the Fifth District of this city, late town of Algiers and McDonoghville, parish of Orleans, right bank, will prove economical, an improvement of great utility, and calculated largely to enhance the value of property.

Be it resolved, That the Mayor of the city of New Orleans be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into negotiations with the Algiers Gas Light Company, composed of Messrs. C. E. Girardey, William McCulloch and J. H. O'Connor, their associates, or such others as they may associate with themselves under the name and style of the "Algiers Gas Light Company," to furnish the Fifth District, late town of Algiers and McDonoghville, with gas for lighting said district, and the exclusive privilege of vending gas light therein, the terms of the negotiation to be submitted to the Council before approval; provided the same does not conflict with any privilege previously granted, or charter conferred.

Mr. Pierce thought this matter ought to have been referred to the Administrator of Police, to whose department it pertained. He had no objection to the report.

Referred to Department of Police, Mr. Delassize assenting.

Mr. Emley called up the following report and resolution, which were adopted:

In relation to the petition of John B. Jacob, J. T. Blanc, and nine others, asking permission to organize an independent fire company in the vicinity of Gentilly road, near the crossing of the Pontchartrain Railroad, referred to this department, I respectfully recommend, that inasmuch as the locality named is outside the range of the Fire Department, that permission be granted, as prayed for, and that the further prayer of petitioners for a hand fire engine be granted as soon as the city may have an engine disengaged, to furnish petitioners with.

Respectfully submitted,
S. C. EMLEY,
Administrator of Commerce.

Resolved, That the residents of Gentilly, in the Third District, are hereby authorized to organize an independent fire company.

Mr. Emley called up the following ordinance:

An ordinance relating to party fences.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That whenever the owner of any lot of land shall desire to enclose the same by a fence, he shall give notice in writing to the owner or owners of the adjoining lots of such desire, and also notifying such owner or owners to join in building such party fence or fences, fully describing the premises thus to be inclosed, and after the expiration of ten days from the delivery of such notice to such owner or owners, if they shall still neglect to join such petitioner in building such party fence or fences, such petitioner may proceed to build such fence or fences, and shall be entitled to recover from such owner or owners thus notified one-half the cost or value of a good, substantial picket fence, before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Be it further ordained, That whenever any party fence shall need repairing, notice as aforesaid may be given by either or any party interested in such party fence to other parties interested in the same, to join in making such repairs, and on failure to join as aforesaid, the party making such repairs shall be entitled to recover from such owner or owners their just proportion of the cost of such repairs.

Mr. Shaw said there seemed to be a good deal of law in the ordinance, and he moved that it be referred to the City Attorney.

Agreed to.

Mr. Shaw called up the following report, introduced at the last regular meeting:

To the Council of the city of New Orleans:

In a former report I showed that several issues of city money were made without authorization of the Council, and that before placing them upon the statement of the floating debt, I would ask the legalization or rather approval of the Council. Also, that a judgment had been rendered in the Fifth District Court in favor of the city in a city money case. This judgment, I understand, was given without assigning special reasons other than "considering the law and the evidence," or something to that effect. On sending to court I learned that the papers of the case were temporarily withdrawn. The case is now on appeal.

These circumstances made it improper for me to place city money indiscriminately in my statement as a *debt*, and a part of the floating debt. The opinion of the Mayor, whose approval was essential to my statement, was also with mine, to the effect that the city money should be classified and reported to the Council, with a showing of the several issues, and their authority or want of authority, unless the Council should otherwise order.

I accordingly employed experts to count the money at the Bank of New Orleans, who reported that it was impracticable to classify the money until counted, and such was the dilapidated, damp and greasy condition of the city issues, that the process of counting was slow.

Full reflection constrains me to recommend that the classifying of the issues be dispensed with. It will take time and entail expense. Though one judgment has gone in favor of the city, others have gone against it. Even if the former be affirmed, the question of equity and good faith will stare us again in the face. I am not as I feel that there has been any issue of city money without some form of value to the city. The issues passed freely among all classes of our population, rich and poor, and into and out of the city treasury, without any warning from the successive city administrations that they would not be recognized.

Under these circumstances, I recommend that authority be given me to place the city money which has been presented as part of the floating debt, at once and without discrimination of issues upon the statement of the Administrator of the Floating Debt.

ALFRED SHAW,
Administrator of Public Accounts.

Mr. Shaw stated that the Council, he believed, were familiar with the recommendations of the report, and he moved its adoption.

Mr. West seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr. Shaw offered the following amended ordinance to be printed and laid over:

An ordinance providing for the alteration and division of tax receipts.

WHEREAS, Inconvenience is incurred by taxpayers by reason of assessing in block several lots located in the same square, and it occurring frequently that after the completion of the assessment roll property so assessed is divided by transfer,

Be it ordained, That, upon application of any party to a transfer or sale of a portion of real estate on which the assessment was made in block, it shall be the duty of the Administrator of Assessments to examine the facts and pass upon the application, and without any unnecessary delay, assess separately the various portions of the property so divided, and to notify the Administrator of Public Accounts of such division of the assessment, who thereupon shall cause to be made new tax receipts, in accordance with such division, which shall bear the same number as the originals. But in no case shall the divided assessments exceed or be less than the assessment made in block.

Be it further ordained, That the Administrators of Finance and of Public Accounts be and are hereby authorized, jointly, in cases where property has not been assessed in block, to divide any tax receipt into two or more, at the request of any person interested; provided that each of the new receipts shall bear the same number as the original.

The reconsideration of the ordinance continuing ten per cent interest on the ten per cent bonds was postponed till next meeting, on motion of Mr. Shaw.

A. W. Bosworth and Waterworks Commissioners' account for eighty-seven thousand dollars, was laid over indefinitely.

Mr. Emley, in calling up the annexed ordinance, said its passage had been urged by a number of wood dealers, and it seemed to the Administrator of Commerce that if they were to have any wood and coal regulations at all, some such ordinance as this was necessary:

An ordinance to amend an ordinance dividing the city into two wood and coal divisions, etc., adopted April 22, 1870.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That an ordinance dividing the city into two wood and coal divisions, etc., No. 30, Administration Series, adopted April 22, 1870, be, and hereby is, so amended as to require all fire wood brought to this market and offered for sale in lots, at wholesale, to be inspected and measured by the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors of Wood and Coal, and for so inspecting and measuring such wood in lots, said inspectors shall be entitled to receive from the seller of such wood a fee of five cents per cord when the quantity shall exceed ten cords, and when under ten cords a fee of ten cents per cord, and said inspector shall issue his certificate of such inspection and measurement to the vendor of such wood.

Be it further ordained, That any person who shall be guilty of violating the provisions of this amendment shall be liable to prosecution and to the penalties as set forth in section nine of said ordinance, hereby amended.

This amendment to take effect from and after its adoption.

The ordinance was adopted.

The next question on the calendar was Mr. Pierce's amended dog ordinance. It was taken up section by section, the title and first section being read as follows:

An ordinance fixing a tax upon dogs.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained, etc., That hereafter all owners or keepers of dogs shall be required to pay to the Department of Finance the sum of two dollars per year as a license on each and every dog owned or kept by them, said license to be issued by administrator of said department.

Mr. Delassize moved to reduce the tax to one dollar.

Mr. Bonzano seconded the motion.

Mr. West asked if the tax was designed for public protection or for revenue.

Mr. Pierce said for public protection. He had consulted with the Department of Finance, and it was suggested that if the ordinance passed, licenses for the remaining half of the year should be issued at half price, namely, a dollar.

The yeas and nays were called on the section. Mr. Delassize voted nay; the rest of the Council yea.

The section was carried.

The next section was read as follows:

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That it shall be incumbent on the owners of all dogs so licensed to have the number of their license plainly indicated on a metal plate attached to a collar on the dog's neck; said plate to be furnished by the Department of Finance, for which plate said department shall and is hereby authorized to charge twenty-five cents additional.

Mr. West suggested that the charge for the badge should be included in the two-dollar tax, and moved an amendment to that effect.

Mr. Pierce accepted the amendment which was passed.

The section as amended was adopted.

SEC. 3. Be it further ordained, etc., That any person or persons counterfeiting the metal plate indicating the license shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than three months nor more than twelve months for each and every offense; and any person or persons using any such counterfeit plate shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month nor more than three months, one half of the fines so collected to go to the informer.

Mr. Shaw remarked that there was a State law prohibiting the city creating an offense punishable with imprisonment for more than thirty days, or with a fine of more than a hundred dollars.

Mr. West stated this same provision was included in the present city charter. He moved that the section be amended to read:

"That any person or persons counterfeiting the metal plate indicating the license, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not more than thirty days for each and every offense; and any person or persons using any such counterfeit plate, shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not more than thirty days."

Mr. Pierce objected to the striking out of the informers' moiety of the penalty.

Mr. West said if that provision were retained the Council would raise a breed of curs worse than those that now infested the city.

The section as amended by Mr. West was adopted.

SEC. 4. Be it further ordained, etc., That after the first day of July, all dogs found running at large on any of the thoroughfares of this city, without the license plate attached to the collar, shall be taken up by the police and impounded in the public pound of the district where the arrest is made, and that the impounding party shall receive fifty cents for each and every dog at the time of impounding, and the dog, if not claimed within forty-eight hours, shall be killed; and any claimant for animals so impounded, shall be required to pay a fine of three dollars and pound keeper's fees of fifty cents per day.

Mr. Shaw thought forty-eight hour's grace rather hard on the dogs.

Mr. Bonzano moved to amend by making it three days.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. West thought the first of July too soon for the ordinance to come into effect.

Mr. Pierce had consulted the Department of Commerce and thought not.

Acting Mayor Emley: Have you any idea of the number of dogs in the city?

Mr. Pierce replied that he had not taken the census of them.

Mr. Shaw said this ordinance imposed a license and clearly ought to go to the Department of Assessments, instead of to the Department of Finance.

Mr. Bonzano rejoined that he would much rather look after the assessment of the dogs than discuss the remission of back taxes, which the Administrator of Accounts had thrust upon him.

The date of the ordinance coming into effect was changed to the tenth of July, and thus amended the ordinance was passed.

SEC. 5. Be it further ordained, etc., That any person charged with having taken off from any dog the license plate, shall, on conviction in any Recorder's court, be fined not less than fifteen nor more than twenty-five dollars, or be imprisoned not less than ten nor more than fifteen days.

Adopted.

The roll was called on the question of the adoption of the ordinance as a whole, and after a further amendment that the tax levied for the remainder of this year should be one dollar only, the ordinance as amended was adopted, Mr. Delassize voting alone in the negative.

Mr. West called up the following amended ordinance.

An ordinance granting the right of way for a street railroad from Eighth street in the city of New Orleans, to the upper line of said city, to intersect with Second street, in the city of Carrollton.

Be it ordained, That the right of way and privilege be and is hereby granted to P. M. Baker, E. Fulton and N. Commandeur, and their successors, to lay a double track railroad, with the necessary turnouts, switches and turn tables, through the following named streets: Commencing at Eighth street, through Carondelet street to Bordeaux street, through Bordeaux street to Dryades street, through Dryades street to Peters avenue, through Peters avenue to St. David street, and thence through St. David street to the upper limits of the city; and that the said right of way and privilege are granted for twenty years, upon the following conditions:

ARTICLE 1. The rails used, to be of the same pattern as those now in use by the city railroads, the lumber to be of the best quality of swamp cypress, or upland yellow pine, free from sap, and of size to be designated by the City Surveyor.

ART. 2. The cars to be similar to those now used upon the city railroads.

ART. 3. The lines and levels for the road to be fixed by the City Surveyor, and the lumber and materials used in the construction of said road and bridges to be approved by the City Surveyor and Administrator of Improvements, and said road to be built under the supervision of the City Surveyor.

ART. 4. The rate of fare for the entire or intermediate distance up or down, not to exceed five cents for each passenger, and the rate of speed not to exceed six miles per hour, and the said grantees and their assigns shall be bound to run at least one car each way every hour in the twenty-four.

ART. 5. That for and in consideration of said right of way, the road, cars, mules, fixtures, etc., are to be assessed and made to pay an annual tax as other property of like nature.

ART. 6. On the expiration of said grant of right of way, the road, rolling stock, equipments, depots and fixtures, to be taken by the city at an appraised value, to be ascertained by the appointment of two disinterested persons, one to be appointed by the city, and the other by said grantees, and in the event of a disagreement an umpire shall be selected, by said two appraisers, whose decision shall be final.

ART. 7. The said road to be completed, and in running order by the first of January, 1872, and the term of twenty years to run from date of completion.

ART. 8. That the streets through which said grant extends, as well as the bridges thereon, shall be kept by said grantees in perfect good order and condition, during the term of this privilege.

ART. 9. That whenever the Administrator of Improvements discovers that said company have failed to keep any street in repair, according to the foregoing articles, it shall be his duty to issue a written notice to be served upon them, at their domicil, directing the required work to be done, and if they shall not commence said work within forty-eight hours after the service of such notice, the said Administrator is hereby authorized and required to employ a force, purchase the necessary material, and do the work for and on account of and at the charge and risk of said company, and that all costs, charges and expenses there incurred shall be reimbursed to the city on demand.

ART. 10. That the said P. M. Baker, E. Fulton and N. Commandeur shall accept and agree to all the provisions of this ordinance by notarial act, within thirty days after the passage of said ordinance, and failing therein, this ordinance shall be null and void.

Be it ordained, etc., That the city of New Orleans reserves the right to lay gas and water pipes in the streets named in this ordinance, and in executing such work shall have the privilege of using so much of said streets as may be necessary without claim for damages by the grantees.

The ordinance as amended was adopted.

The report of Mr. Bonzano on the petition of Evaristo Sugaste, residing at No. 9 Philip street, Second District, for relief from taxes, presented at the meeting on May 24, was called up and adopted.

Mr. Delassize's report in relation to the lease of the Orleans ball room for the First District Court, was taken up, and in connection therewith Mr. Delassize presented the following additional report:

DEPARTMENT OF THE WATER WORKS and Public Buildings,
New Orleans, June 7, 1870.

To the Council of City of New Orleans.

The owner of the Orleans ball room, C. E. Girardey, Esq., has authorized me to state that he will bear one-half the expense of fitting up said building, should the Council decide to remove the First District Court thereto.

Respectfully,
L. P. DELASSIZE,
Administrator.

The report was received, and a resolution authorizing the lease of the ball-room for the First District Court, was adopted.

Mr. Shaw called up the following resolution, on its final passage:

Resolved, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in favor of the same:

Firemen's Charitable Association, for amount due it for the month of May, 1870, as per contract	$10,000.
Orphan Girls' Immaculate Conception, for the maintenance of ninety-eight orphans for the quarters ending June 31, 1869, September 30, 1869, December 30, 1869, being three quarters, each at $343	$1029.
German Gazette, advertising notice to holders of city claims and transferees of pay rolls for Department of Public Accounts	$30 75.
Commercial Bulletin, printing brief, case heirs of Escott vs. city of New Orleans	$33.
E. S. Wurzburger, Criminal Sheriff, for maintenance of prisoners during the month of May, 1870, as per bill approved by the honorable Judge of the First District Court	$7710.
C. H. Luzenberg, District Attorney, fees for criminal prosecutions during the month of May, 1870, twenty cases, as per bill approved by the Honorable Judge of the First District Court, at $15 per case	$300.
C. H. Luzenberg, District Attorney, fees for criminal prosecutions during the month of May, 1870, fifteen cases, as per bill approved by the Honorable Judge of the First District Court, at $15 per case	$225.
John G. Roche, Coroner First and Fourth Districts, inquest fees, etc., during the month of May, 1870	$1578.
Mrs. M. Hopkins, for sundry bed clothing, etc., destroyed by order of the Board of Health, at No. 100 Urquhart street, as a sanitary measure, as per bill approved by the President Board of Health and Administrator of Police	$8.
N. Trepagnier, Clerk First District Court, for fees and costs during the month of May, 1870, as per bill approved by the Honorable Judge First District Court	$1585 55.
Thomas Kenefic, late Sundie of the parish of Orleans, right bank, from first to sixth of April, 1870, inclusive, $19 8, John Ford, Martin Kelly, John Norton, James Goings and Henry Johnson, each fifteen dollars, for six days' labor in the Sundie's department, at two dollars and fifty cents per day	$75; total, $94 98; as per bill certified and approved by William H. Seymour, late President and Controller Police Jury, parish of Orleans, right bank.
W. R. Fish (Register), for 343 certificates of assessment for the month of May, 1870, at fifty cents each, as per bill rendered and approved by Administrator of Assessments	$171 50.
E. T. Manning, for services rendered as Secretary of the standing committees from first to twenty-fifth of April, 1870, inclusive, twenty-five days, at two hundred dollars per month, as per ordinance No. 122, new series	$166 67, less four days allowed on pay roll for April, 1870, $26 67; balance due, $140.
Superintendent and officers of the School Board, pursuant to agreement of attorneys, for the month of March, 1870	$463 90.
Same for the month of April, 1870	$958 35.

He moved that the bill of Coroner Roche, with all the Recorders' bills, be referred to the Department of Police.

Carried.

Payment of the other items of the ordinance was ordered, and the resolution as a whole was adopted on a yea and nay vote.

Mr. Shaw moved a resolution that the school teachers of Jefferson City be paid pro rata for fifteen days of the month of March, in the same way as the school teachers of New Orleans had been ordered to be paid at the last meeting.

Agreed to.

Mr. Shaw called up the following item in an ordinance passed to its second reading some weeks ago, and on a certificate that the Sheriff had received, $1135 75 for clerks' fees, moved its payment:

D. C. Byerly, Clerk Third District Court, for taxed costs in 603 suits, Nos. 11,533 to 12,335, in conformity to the acts of the Legislature already referred to, $1317 25.

The roll was called and payment ordered.

New Business.

Mr. Shaw introduced the following, and moved that it be printed and lie over.

An ordinance providing for the payment of certain accounts therein named.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the following appropriations be, and are hereby, made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

C. L'Hote, for one (blind) door for office City Attorney	$4 25.
Thomas Lynne, Clerk Eighth District Court, for costs of suit, H. S. McComb vs. New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad, city of New Orleans, intervenor	$57 20.
Thomas Lynne, Clerk Eighth District Court, for costs of suit, city of New Orleans vs. T. L. Maxwell, Civil Sheriff	$27 20.
Pay roll, Department of Assessments, sixth to twenty-third April, 1870	$825.
Gas Light Company, for fifty loads of gas lime, at $1 per load	$50.
Slocomb, Baldwin & Co., for sundry hardware, furnished as per accounts filed	$184 16.
New Orleans Republican Printing Company, printing for City of Jefferson	$199.
Pay roll of jury, First District Court, for May and part of June, 1870	$4314.
New Orleans Republican Printing Company, printing for several Departments, as per accounts filed	$3034 40.
New Orleans *Times*, advertising notices of floating debt and transferees	$19 50.
S. F. Siskron, one copy acts of 1870	$3.
C. L'hote, for one (blind) door	$5 75.
C. L'hote, lumber furnished for apartment containing city archives	$67 73.

Mr. Shaw moved that so much of his report, introduced at an earlier part of the meeting, as referred to the transcription of Jefferson City mortgages, be referred to the City Attorney.

Agreed to.

Mr. Shaw further moved that the ordinance included in the same report, be read a first and second time by its title.

This was done.

Mr. Shaw offered sundry petitions, which were duly referred.

Mr. Shaw offered the following to be printed and referred to the Department of Improvements:

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That by virtue of the power vested in the city by section three of ordinance No. 810, new series, the Canal and Claiborne Street Railroad Company be and is hereby ordered to extend their line of road of the outer edge and south side of the neutral ground on Canal street, from Rampart to Claiborne street, and on the outer edge and north side of the said neutral ground, from Claiborne to Rampart street.

Be it further ordained, That the said extention be made and completed within six months from the date of the passage of these resolutions.

Deferred Business Resumed.

Mr. Pierce called up the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Administrator of Public Accounts be and he is hereby authorized to warrant on the Administrator of Finance in favor of the following named persons for the sums set opposite their respective names, viz:

J. C. Davey, for one horse collar for Fire Alarm Telegraph	$9 00
Henry Kage, for repairs to bread wagon, Boys' House of Refuge	31 00
Louis Ruch, for fresh beef and vegetables furnished City Workhouse in February, 1870	93 32
Louis Ruch, for fresh beef and vegetables furnished City Workhouse in March, 1870	139 88
Louis Ruch, for fresh beef and vegetables furnished Boys' House of Refuge in March, 1870	376 50
Louis Ruch, for fresh beef furnished Girls' House of Refuge in March, 1870	28 00
Total	$682 70

He moved the payment of the first two items and stated that the others would be disposed of in another shape.

Carried.

New Business Again.

Mr. Emley offered the following, which was adopted:

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of New Orleans, That the Administrator of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to warrant on the Department of Finance in favor of the following persons, and for the following amounts, viz:

John Amrein, for painting stalls in Dryades Market	$117 00
W. B. Bowman, for a complete set of weights and measures for use of Inspector of Weights and Measures, Fourth District	56 00
Total	$173 00

Mr. West presented a petition for sidewalks on Jackson street, which was referred to the Department of Improvements to advertise.

Mr. Bonzano offered the following ordinance, which was adopted:

An ordinance appropriating money for expense incurred by the Department of Assessments.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the Administrator of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to warrant on the Administrator of Finance, in favor of C. L'Hote, for eleven dollars and fifty cents, in payment for two blind doors furnished the office of the Administrator of Assessments.

Petitions, etc.

Mr. Pierce offered the following, to be printed and referred to the Department of Police:

NEW ORLEANS, June 14, 1870.

To the Honorable Administrators City of New Orleans:

GENTLEMEN—I desire to enter into a contract with the city of New Orleans to furnish a recently patented coal oil lamp and lantern, for lighting streets, for which I am the sole agent for this city.

I claim for this light that it is as brilliant as an ordinary gas lamp, and that the expense is no greater than the old-fashioned lamps now in use.

In view of the well known insufficiency of the oil lamps now used, and of the constant complaints which are daily being made on that score, I trust the Council will take favorable action upon this petition, and give the lamp I represent a thorough inspection.

I am gentlemen,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
M. A. BAKER.

Mr. Pierce offered a wood and coal petition, to be referred to the Acting Mayor with power to act.

A number of other petitions were duly referred to the respective departments.

New Business Again.

By Mr. Pierce:

Resolved, That the Administrator of Public Accounts be and he is hereby authorized to warrant on the Administrator of Finance, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-one dollars and thirty cents ($171 30), in favor of J. C. Davey, for two (2) sets of double harness, one (1) extra horse collar and two (2) whips, furnished for driving the "Marias," or wagons used in conveying prisoners to Workhouse, etc.

Adopted with the explanation that this was one of the results of the fire at the Workhouse.

By Mr. Pierce:

Resolved, That the Administrator of Police be and he is hereby authorized to purchase forty (40) iron bedsteads, for use of Girls' House of Refuge, at an expense not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars ($250).

Adopted.

By Mr. Pierce:

An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled "An ordinance defining the duties of the Department of Police, and effecting its organization," adopted May 24, 1870.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained, etc., That so much of section five of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance defining the duties of the Department of Police, and effecting its organization," as reads: "One messenger with an annual salary of five hundred and forty dollars," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read: One messenger with an annual salary of two hundred and forty dollars.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That so much of section six of the same ordinance as reads: "One teacher with an annual salary of three hundred dollars," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read: One teacher with an annual salary of four hundred and twenty dollars.

Adopted.

Deferred Business Once More.

The Council took up No. 112 on the calendar, which was as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
City of New Orleans,
City Hall, May 24, 1870.

To the Council of the City of New Orleans:

I have examined the petition of Protector Fire Company No. 2, of the Sixth District, together with papers therewith, referred to this department, and find from the papers thus referred, and from other sources of information, that this company is an effective and worthy organization; that they have on many occasions done valuable service at fires in the upper part of the Fourth District, as well as in the Sixth District; that they are located at St. Charles street and Napoleon avenue, the former being a paved street through the Sixth District; that they are over a mile and a half beyond any steam fire engine in the Fourth District; that there is no steam fire engine in the Sixth District; that there are but two other hand engines in the Sixth District beside the one in use by this company, which is nearly worn out.

I find, also, that this company have an engine house and two horses, and that they have contracted for a steam engine for the sum of $3700, and, as they represent, they will need, to put them in good working condition, another horse, a hose carriage, and one thousand feet of hose, estimated to cost eighteen hundred dollars. The various insurance companies of this city have presented to them sixteen hundred dollars, and they now ask this Council to give them thirty-five hundred dollars to assist them in paying for the engine ordered, and in paying for other articles above mentioned. The Sixth District being so large and important a part of our city, I think it proper and wise that there should be a steam fire engine within the District, and therefore respectfully recommend the appropriation of the sum asked for by the petitioners.

Very respectfully submitted,
S. C. EMLEY,
Administrator of Commerce.

The following ordinance, which accompanied the report, and which had been read a first and second time at a previous regular meeting, was put upon its final passage:

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to the payment for a steam fire engine, contracted for by Protector Fire Company No. 2, of the Sixth District, and that the Administrator of the Department of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the Department of Finance for that amount and for that purpose.

Mr. West moved to amend by adding the words: "said warrant to be paid to the contractor when the machine shall have been accepted by the Administrator of Commerce."

The amendment and the ordinance were adopted. The yeas and nays being called.

New Business Again.

Mr. Bonzano said he had heard to-day that some of the old employes of the Assessor's Department had sued the city for their salaries for part of the month of April, and some of them had obtained judgment by default, because the city was not represented. It would be well enough to ascertain whether the city's two attorneys were able to take care of the interests of the city.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, the matter was referred to the City Attorney.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, an account of E. J. Rigney was referred to the City Attorney.

Adjournment.

Mr. West, in view of the approaching long summer nights, moved that the Council, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet at 7:30 P. M., instead of 7 P. M., as heretofore.

The motion was carried, and the Council then adjourned.

H. CONQUEST CLARKE,
Secretary pro tem.

OFFICIAL NOTICES—CITY.

PROPOSALS.

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS,
City of New Orleans, June 16, 1870.

SEALED PROPOSALS ADDRESSED TO THE undersigned will be received until FRIDAY NOON, the thirteenth day of June instant, for the following contracts:

For repairing, reconstructing and extending the Wharves, Bulkheads, Revetments, Jetties and Mooring Posts of the port of New Orleans, according to specifications on file in the office of the City Surveyor.

The contracts will be adjudicated in four sections, to wit:

Section No. 1—From Toledano street to upper side of Jackson street ferry landing.

Section No. 2—From lower side of Jackson street ferry landing to upper side of Canal street ferry landing.

Section No. 3—From lower side of Canal street ferry landing to the upper side of the ferry landing at the foot of Elysian Fields street.

Section No. 4—From lower side of Elysian Fields street ferry landing to the lower limit of the city.

All parties making proposals for these contracts are required to deposit with the Administrator of Finance, as evidence of their intention to abide by the adjudication, the amount of $2500 for each of Sections One and Two, and the amount of $1000 for each of Sections One and Four, in cash, which shall be forfeited to the city in case of failure to sign the contract. Bidders to whom contracts are not awarded shall have their deposits returned to them on the day adjudications are made.

No bids will be received unless the certificate of the Administrator of Finance is inclosed therewith, to the effect that the required cash deposit has been made.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Proposals to be indorsed "Proposals for Landing Improvements;" naming, also, the particular section bid for on the outer envelope.

jel5 td J. R. WEST, Administrator.

PROPOSALS.

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS,
City of New Orleans,
May 27, 1870.

SEALED PROPOSALS, ADDRESSED TO THE undersigned, will be received until THURSDAY, noon, the sixteenth day of June, proximo, for the following contract:

For setting stone sills and bottoms and stone wings for bridges, and for furnishing all new stone required on St. Charles avenue, from Tivoli Circle to Toledano street, according to specifications on file in the office of the City Surveyor.

Bids to be for superficial feet of all stone set complete in the work, and for superficial feet of new stone furnished, and to state the price, payable cash or payable in certificates issued by the city of New Orleans bearing interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths (7 3-10) per cent per annum.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The proposals will be received unless accompanied by a written guarantee in the following form, signed by two responsible parties satisfactory to the Mayor, the Administrator of Finance and Administrator of Improvements:

NEW ORLEANS, June —, 1870.

We, the undersigned, do hereby guarantee, in the sum of one thousand dollars that should this contract be awarded to ——, he will enter into a notarial agreement to carry the same into effect, and furnish the security prescribed by the specifications on file in the office of the City Surveyor.

(Signed)

Proposals to be indorsed "Proposals for brick work on St. Charles avenue."

J. R. WEST, Administrator.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, June 10, 1870.

[No. 153—Administration Series.]

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Charles Frisch and father to occupy the batture between Pauline and Jeanne streets, at such place as shall be designated by the Administrator of Improvements, for the purpose of carrying on their business of breaking up flatboats, etc.; provided that said Charles Frisch and father pay the customary license imposed on such business; and provided, further, that this permission shall be subject to revocation at the pleasure of the Council.

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans, June 10, 1870.

S. C. EMLEY, Acting Mayor.

A true copy:
H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Secretary. 14

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, June 10, 1870.

[No. 154—Administration Series.]

Resolved, That during the temporary absence of the Administrator of Finance, the Administrator of Public Accounts shall be present at the opening of sealed proposals for work or supplies.

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans, June 10, 1870.

S. C. EMLEY, Acting Mayor.

A true copy:
H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, June 10, 1870.

[No. 155—Administration Series.]

Resolution providing for payment of certain street advertisements.

Resolved, That whenever publication of petitions for making or improving sidewalks, opening, widening and extending streets, are required, the Administrator of Improvements is authorized to require payment for such publications to be made or secured by the petitioners.

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans, June 10, 1870.

S. C. EMLEY, Acting Mayor.

A true copy:
H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, June 10, 1870.

[No. 156—Administration Series.]

Resolved, That the Administrator of Improvements be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for repairing, reconstructing and extending the wharves and levees of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts.

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans, June 10, 1870, the following members being present and voting:

Yeas: Shaw, West, Delassize, Emley, Pierce, Bonzano.

Nays: None.

S. C. EMLEY, Acting Mayor.

A true copy:
H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, June 10, 1870.

[No. 157—Administration Series.]

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to Messrs. Decan, Zerega & Co., or to their successors in office, as agents for the Liverpool line of steamships, to retain a building on the levee, near the head of Euterpe street, Third District; said building to be occupied as an office; provided, that this permission shall exist during the pleasure of the Council.

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans, June 10, 1870.

S. C. EMLEY, Acting Mayor.

A true copy:
H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, June 10, 1870.

[No. 158—Administration Series.]

Resolution changing the name of a portion of Bienville street.

Be it resolved, In response to the petition of property holders, that Bienville street, from Claiborne street to Metairie Ridge, shall hereafter be known as Bienville avenue.

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans, June 10, 1870.

S. C. EMLEY, Acting Mayor.

A true copy:
H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, June 10, 1870.

[No. 159—Administration Series.]

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby granted to sugar brokers, dealers and others to keep and retain shed on the levee, at the head of Conti street, provided that this permission be subject to revocation at the pleasure of the Council.

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans, June 10, 1870.

S. C. EMLEY, Acting Mayor.

A true copy:
H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, June 10, 1870.

[No. 160—Administration Series.]

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted to Darius Brewster to erect and operate a steam engine at No. 290 Magazine street.

Adopted by the Council of the city of New Orleans, June 10, 1870.

S. C. EMLEY, Acting Mayor.

A true copy:
H. CONQUEST CLARKE, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS,
City Hall, June 10, 1870.

[No. 161—Administration Series.]

Resolved, That permission be and hereby is granted