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CITY COUNCIL—OFFICIAL

REGULAR MEETING.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, December 6, 1870.

The Council met in regular session at 7 P. M., Mayor Flanders presiding.

Present: Administrators J. R. West (Improvements), Alfred Shaw (Accounts), L. T. Delassize (Public Buildings), S. C. Emley (Commerce), James Lewis (Police), J. S. Walton (Finance), and H. Bonzano (Assessments).

The Treasury.

Mr. Walton presented his monthly report of receipts and expenditures, as follows:

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATOR OF FINANCE FOR MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1870.

October 31, 1870.	Dr.
To balance brought forward	$153,257 30
Balls, collections	80 00
Bank of New Orleans, credit of the city	150,000 00
Bills receivable, collections	10,328 42
Cemeteries, collections	602 50
City railroads, collections	687 02
City tax on real estate, 1867, collections	24 70
City tax on real estate, 1869, collections	1,012 47
City tax on personal property, 1869, collections	260 10
City of Jefferson, collections	1,242 00
City tax, Fifth District, 1869, collections	30 50
City tax, Sixth District, 1869, collections	463 50
City tax, 1865, collections	3 24
City property, collections	3,403 18
Consolidated loan tax, 1867, collections	24 70
Consolidated loan tax, 1869, collections	2,729 02
Consolidated loan tax, 1865, collections	5 49
Fines and fees, collections	2,606 50
Pink Asylum Fund, loan to the city, collections	3,000 00
Ground rents, collections	4,109 48
Interest, collections	5,302 73
Interest on railroad bonds, 1869, collections	753 22
Interest on Jefferson City bonds, 1869, collections	328 25
Interest on railroad bonds, 1865, collections	1 77
Interest on railroad bonds, 1867, collections	7 60
Law charges, collections	406 50
Levee dues, collections	20,303 70
Licenses, 1870, collections	2,821 75
Litigated taxes, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, collections	7,411 60
Litigated taxes, 1868, collections	25,953 04
Markets, collections	7,319 70
McDonogh School Fund, loan to the city	7,000 00
Metropolitan Police Warrants, collections on account of Metropolitan Police tax	3,719 22
Metropolitan Police tax, 1869, collections	3,378 58
Metropolitan Police tax, Fifth District, 1869, collections	41 00
Metropolitan Police tax, Sixth District, 1869, collections	351 37
New Orleans Park tax, 1869, collections	763 85
Printing, collections	664 25
Pontchartrain Railroad tax, collections	84 53
Public Pounds, collections	147 80
Streets, Bureau, collections	42 50
Sixth District taxes, 1867, collections	102 00
Sixth District taxes, 1866, collections	110 00
Sixth District taxes, 1863, collections	42 50
Sixth District taxes, 1862, collections	48 00
Sixth District taxes, 1865, collections	40 00
Sixth District taxes, 1861, collections	111 00
Sixth District taxes, 1867, collections	7 00
Tax redemption million loan, 1869, collections	2,306 66
Waterworks, collections	13,234 37
Workhouse, collections	194 64
Total	$437,344 13
Balance cash on hand	154,315 91
Less Metropolitan Police Warrants redeemed	125,000 00
Total	$29,315 91
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By assessments, Department of, disbursements for	$4,356 89
Charity, disbursements for	1,081 53
Cemeteries, disbursements for	162 00
City property, disbursements for	231 75
City Attorney, Bureau of, disbursements for	1,662 60
City Park, disbursements for	60 00
City Hall, disbursements for	231 35
Consolidated loan tax, 1867, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	24 70
Consolidated Loan tax, 1869, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	2,729 02
Contingent, disbursements for	1,075 99
Commerce, Department of, disbursements for	3,065 46
Courthouses, disbursements for	1,958 60
Consolidated loan tax, 1865, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	5 49
Drainage, Bureau of, disbursements for	2,472 73
Expenses three million bonds, 1870, disbursements for	30,033 40
Fire Alarm Telegraph, disbursements for	856 13
Fire companies, disbursements for	10,000 00
Finance, Department of, disbursements for	2,329 45
Houses of Refuge, disbursements for	2,238 32
Home of Aged and Infirm, disbursements for	132 30
Insane Asylum, disbursements for	826 70
Interest, disbursements for	4,088 38
Interest on Railroad Bonds, 1869, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	753 22
Interest on seven per cent bonds, 1868, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	16,640 00
Interest on Jefferson City Bonds, 1869, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	328 25
Interest on seven per cent bonds, 1870, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	17,500 00
Interest on Waterworks Bonds, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	5,306 00
Interest on Railroad Bonds, 1865, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	1 77
Interest on Railroad Bonds, 1867, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	7 60
Improvements, Department of, disbursements for	936 17
Inquests, disbursements for	1,580 00
Jury service, disbursements for	579 00
Law charges, disbursements for	2,671 73
Lighting, disbursements for	18,938 25
Library, disbursements for	216 00
Litigated taxes, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	18,331 17
Litigated taxes, 1868, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	4,325 50
Markets, disbursements for	59 00
Mayor, Department of, disbursements for	3,051 08
McDonogh Grant Survey, disbursements for	90 00
Metropolitan Police Warrants received during the month	15,103 46
Metropolitan Police tax, 1869, State Treasurer	3,378 58
Metropolitan Police tax, Fifth District, 1869, State Treasurer	41 00
Metropolitan Police tax, Sixth District, 1869, State Treasurer	351 38
Parish Prison, disbursements for	31 95
Printing, disbursements for	693 27
Pontchartrain Railroad tax, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	84 55
Police, Department of, disbursements for	989 25
Public Schools, disbursements for	3,844 85
Public Pounds, disbursements for	498 96
Public Squares, disbursements for	2,409 00
Public Accounts, Department of, disbursements for	2,415 10
Reimbursement of licenses, 1870, disbursements for	12 50
Recorders' Courts, disbursements for	3,506 98
Sanitary expenses, disbursements for	3,505 27
Streets, Bureau of, disbursements for	46,551 55
Surveyor's Department, disbursements for	2,257 80
Tax Redemption, Million Loan, 1869, Bank of New Orleans, Fiscal Agent	2,306 66
Wharves and Landings, Bureau of, disbursements for	4,067 59
Waterworks, disbursements for	26,666 12
Waterworks and Public Buildings, Department of, disbursements for	914 33
Workhouse, disbursements for	1,461 05
	$283,028 22
Balance	154,315 91
Total	$437,344 13

JOHN S. WALTON,
Administrator of Finance.

Committee Reports.

By the Mayor and Administrator of Finance:

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, December 6, 1870.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

Having considered the claim of Mr. M. O. Tracy for $13,048, for making out an abstract of inventories of minors, which, with the accompanying endorsements and the report thereon of the Administrator of Accounts, was referred to us by the Council, we recommend that his claim be allowed to take the same course as the claim of Dr. Southworth, Recorder of Mortgages of New Orleans, for similar work, and be referred to the courts for settlement.

BENJ. F. FLANDERS, Mayor.
JOHN S. WALTON,
Administrator of Finance.

Adopted.

By the Mayor and Administrator of Finance:

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, December 6, 1870.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

We report in favor of the compromise of the McCormack claim, for transferring mortgages from the late city of Jefferson to New Orleans, on the basis recommended by the Administrator of Public Accounts in his report dated the first November, and referred to us by the Council on the eighth of November last.

BENJ. F. FLANDERS, Mayor.
JOHN S. WALTON,
Administrator of Finance.

Mr. Shaw said this report if acted upon, would render necessary the entering into of a contract, and he suggested that the report be laid over for a week.

Laid over accordingly.

By the Mayor:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, December 6, 1870.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

After consultation with the City Attorney, I return, approved, the resolution referred to me, appropriating $600 for Jerome Bayon, for the repair of the house No. 243 Rampart street.

BENJ. F. FLANDERS, Mayor.

Adopted.

By Mr. Delassize:

DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND Public Buildings, December 6, 1870.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

Desirous of advancing every project that has for its aim the improvement of the sanitary condition of this community, I cheerfully accord my approval of the proposition of the Sanitary and Fertilizing Company, contained in the communication addressed to the Council, and referred to me, particularly as the proposition unites economy with utility.

The company proposes to attach to all the public buildings of the city, dry earth closets, which will be so arranged as to cause all fecal and other deposits to be instantly deodorized and disinfected. The deposits are to be removed at regular intervals, without causing the least offensive odor. They are to be kept in repair by the company. In carrying out a contract that may be made, the expense to the city for the first year will be:

For 100 earth closets	$2,500
Attention to closets	3,000
Total	$5,500

After the first year the expense will be but $3000, which is less than under the old system.

The city during the past year has had a contract with the Sanitary and Fertilizing Company, for removal of excretia, but having failed to provide itself with the necessary earth closets, the proper results of the system have not been realized.

I ask your favorable action upon the accompanying resolutions, authorizing the purchase of the earth closets necessary for the use of the public buildings, and also empowering the Mayor to contract with the Sanitary and Fertilizing Company on the basis of their proposition, dated November 29, 4870.

L. T. DELASSIZE, Administrator.

Resolved, That the Administrator of Waterworks and Public Buildings be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase dry earth closets for the use of the public buildings, the expense to be incurred not to exceed $2500.

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized to sign and execute, on behalf of the city, before the City Notary, a contract with the New Orleans Sanitary and Fertilizing Company for attention to the earth closets and commodes attached to the public buildings of the city, for the period of one year, for the sum of $3000.

The report was ordered to be printed, and the resolutions were read twice and laid over.

Resolutions.

By Mr. Delassize:

Resolved, That the Administrator of Waterworks and Public Buildings be and he is hereby authorized to advertise, giving ten days notice in the official journal, for proposals for the right of taking water from the City Waterworks for sprinkling streets from the expiration of the present contract.

Adopted.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance to provide for the settlement of accounts therein named.

Be it ordained, That the Administrator of Public Accounts be and is hereby authorized to settle with the holders of the following claims, at the option of said holders, by the issue of certificates under ordinance No. 197, Administration series:

Samuel Smith & Co., as transferees of sundry persons, the original holders of the following bills and claims, all dated previous to April, 1870, duly registered, and approved by the Finance Committee and by the Administrators of the appropriate departments, viz:

William Henry, ballast, $500.
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William Henry, ballast, $500.
William Henry, shells, $400.
William Henry, shells, $400.
William Henry, lumber, $460.

William Henry, cleaning streets and repairing unpaved streets of the Tenth and Eleventh Wards, for month ending March 12, 1870, $1560.

Charles Boyle, Deputy Wharfinger Fourth District, rent of office eight months to March 1, 1870, $80.

J. J. O'Hara, cleaning streets and repairing unpaved streets of First Ward, for month ending March 12, 1870, $1087 50.

McIntyre & Applegate, repairing water pipes of water closets, etc., in City Hall, $47.

Children's Home of the Protestant Episcopal Church, allowance for sixty-four orphans for quarter ending December 31, 1869, $224.

John G. Fleming, labor and material in repairing and rehanging gates and gateposts of the "Place d'Armes," $485. Repairing pipes in Recorder's Court, First District, $6. Repairing fixtures in the fire-alarm telegraph office, $16 50. Twenty copper lamps and appurtenances, and repairing and painting lamp frames, etc., of the "Place d'Armes," $1 98. Gas pipe, cocks, etc., and repairs of gas fixtures in City Hall, $78 85. Gas fixtures and repairs in office of City Attorney, $25 55. Gas fixtures and repairs in Finance Committee room, $41 28.

Lessassier & Binder, as transferees of E. E. Mougin, for bills of drugs, medicines, etc., bought in 1869 and January, 1870, for the Insane Asylum and the Parish Prison, as per registered bills approved by the City Physician, the Finance Committee, and the Administrators of the appropriate departments, $740 75 and $618 15—$1358 90.

J. K. Mingle, for expenses incurred and material furnished in extending the wires of the fire alarm telegraph, in 1869, to the corner of Independence and Dauphin streets, under resolutions of the Council Nos. 1368 and 1422, new series, and as per bill approved by Department of Commerce, $287 85. Replacing striking apparatus in in 1869, the new belfry of engine house No. 22, as per bill approved by Department of Commerce, $10 65—$298 50.

John Ward, for repairing boilers, etc., of the Bienville street draining machine, in March, 1870, as per bill examined and found correct by Department of Improvements, $215.

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance appropriating money to defray the expenditures of the Department of Assessments for the month of November, 1870.

Be it ordained, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to defray the expenditures of the Department of Assessments for the month of November, 1870, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts draw his warrant on the Administrator of Finance for payment of the same:

A. M. Holbrook, advertising assessment rolls	$8 25
A. H. M. Peterson, new ribbon in stamp	1 50
Charles Hopp, one sheet iron fire front for office	10 00
Register of Conveyances, 221 certificates of transfer for the month of October, 1870	110 50
Total	$130 25

Laid over to be printed.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance appropriating money to defray the expenditures of the Department of Finance for the month of November, 1870.

Be it ordained, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to defray the expenditures of the Department of Finance for the month of November, 1870, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts draw his warrants on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

New Orleans Times, advertising city taxes	$15 00
German Gazette, advertising city taxes	12 00
Morning Star and Catholic Messenger, advertising city taxes	2 00
Steel & Co., stationery	3 00
Total	$32 00

Laid over to be printed.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance appropriating money to defray the expenditures of the Department of Commerce for the month of November, 1870:

Be it ordained, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to defray the expenditures of the Department of Commerce for the month of November, 1870, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts draw his warrants on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

A. Werner, repairing pumps in Sorapuru Market	$8 00
Steel & Co., stationery	39 40
Total	$47 40

Laid over to be printed.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance appropriating money to defray the expenditures of the Department of Waterworks and Public Buildings for the month of November, 1870.

Be it ordained, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to defray the expenditures of the Department of Waterworks and Public Buildings for the month of November, 1870, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts draw his warrants on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

WATERWORKS.

German Gazette, advertising	$3 00
New Orleans Times, advertising	10 50
Folger & Co., hardware	10 10
Folger & Co., hardware	129 68
Folger & Co., hardware	63 10
Folger & Co., hardware	182 24
Folger & Co., hardware	13 00
Folger & Co., hardware	74 02
L. C. Shaw, four wheels for tool box	50 00
R. Carey, replacing pavement	142 90
A. Schiff, rent of office, November, 1870	83 30
W. J. J. Armstroug, castings	159 00
W. J. J. Armstrong, castings	127 50
Hasam & Pooley, lumber	76 10
Hasam & Pooley, lumber	59 80
L. Pierce, ice, brooms, etc.	5 20
C. Dunn, wood	24 00
L. Hart, hauling 1605 pipes	389 80
C. Mathurin, replacing pavement	27 00— 1630 24

INSANE ASYLUM.

A. E. Dick & Co., soap	$9 00
L. Ruch, fresh beef	216 00
J. T. Harrison, stoves and pipes	24 00
New Orleans Republican, subscription to year ending June 2, 1871	16 00
C. Dunn, wood	45 00
J. Palmeson, vegetables	45 00
J. P. Sarrazin, tobacco	41 00
V. Pessou, groceries	266 14
Slocomb, Baldwin & Co., handcuffs	54 00— 716 14

COURTHOUSE.

C. E. Girardey & Co., rent of First District courtroom from June 21 to November 20, 1870 (five months)	$300 00
A. Ernest, repairing chairs	29 50
L. P. David, painting letters	10 00
W. and J. McCracken, office furniture	120 00
V. Pessou, brooms and swab	6 50
J. Schmidt, iron bars, etc.	28 00— 494 00

HOME OF AGED AND INFIRM.

F. Clavel, drugs	$26 60
V. Pesson, groceries	48 81
J. Henderson, Jr., rent, November, 1870	125 00
L. Ruch, fresh beef	39 00
M. Sanchez, coal scuttle, etc	2 50— 241 91

CITY HALL.

Crescent City Ice Company, ice	$110 00
M. Sanchez, grate, blowers, etc	6 50— 116 50

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Sanitary and Fertilizing Company, cleaning privies	375 00
Total	$3573 79

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance appropriating money to defray the expenditures of the Department of Police for the month of November, 1870.

Be it ordained, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to defray the expenditures of the Department of Police for the month of November, 1870, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts draw his warrants on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same.

ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.

S. F. Siskron, law books	$20 00
John W. Madden, stationery	17 25— $37 25

CITY WORKHOUSE.

A. E. Dick, soap	$13 50
R. S. Bruce, forage	163 08
John Cook, hauling wood	26 00
John McCarthy, twenty-one days' labor, at $2 per day	42 00
J. J. Harrison, stove, pipe, etc.	24 95
August Craft, stove, pipe, etc	8 00
Barrett & Wieman, hardware	32 99
F. B. Albers, medicine	60 80
Joseph Raymond, moss	37 50
Dan Moriarty, groceries	197 84
Field & Bell, fuel	17 00
J. A. Noble, vegetables, milk, etc	45 30
Louis Ruch, fresh beef	123 75— 792 71

BOYS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

J. J. Harrison, pieces zinc	$8 00
Cain & Diepert, fuel	66 75
L. H. Gardner, dry goods	261 29
John W. Madden, stationery	48 60
F. B. Albers, medicines	28 95
Charles E. Slayback & Co., flour	503 00
Barrett & Wieman, stove, etc	15 70
Daniel Moriarty, groceries	332 40
J. H. Henry, vegetables and sundries	60 20
Louis Ruch, fresh beef	180 00
Barrett & Wieman, iron bedsteads	402 00
Crescent City Ice Company, ice	15 50— 1921 80

GIRLS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Louis Ruch, fresh beef	18 00
Barrett & Wieman, crockery ware	56 65
E. Stokes, vegetables	22 50
C. E. Dirmeyer, fuel	10 50
J. J. Harrison, pieces zinc	16 00
E. Charles, groceries	71 17— 194 82

BURYING INDIGENT DEAD AND CONVEYING SICK TO HOSPITAL.

L. Guillaud, burying indigent dead in Fifth District	$20 00
Christian Schopp, burying indigent dead in Sixth District	20 00
William Bradford, conveying sick to hospital	1 00
Mrs. M. Johnson, medicines furnished indigent sick, Fifth District	9 05
R. Lorio, medicines furnished indigent sick, Fifth District	87 95— 138 00

RECORDERS' COURTS.

First District—	
Crescent City Ice Company, ice	$15 00
John W. Madden, stationery	62 00
Fild & Bell, fuel	8 50— 85 50
Fourth District—	
New Orleans Republican Printing Company, subscription for year ending May 7, 1871	16 00
Barrett & Wieman, stove, etc	14 90— 30 90
Fifth District—	
Field and Bell, fuel	8 50
John W. Madden, stationery	27 10— 35 60
Sixth District—	
Field & Bell, fuel	8 50
B. Campbell, conveying prisoners to prison	6 75— 15 25

PUBLIC POUNDS.

First District—	
James Wright, rent of pound for November, 1870	$40 00
Second District.—	
John R. Clay, rent of pound for November, 1870	60 00
Third District—	
J. Simon, rent of pound for November, 1870	12 00
Fourth District—	
James Coyle, rent of pound for November, 1870	30 00
Fifth District—	
Charles Pillman, rent of pound for November, 1870	15 00
Sundry Districts—	
New Orleans Republican Printing Company, advertising sale of animals, in October, 1870	36 00— 193 00

PUBLIC SQUARES.

Henry Birecher, repairing railings, gates and locks of Congo and Washington squares	$253 00
Henry Birrcher, repairing railings, gates and locks of Coliseum square	498 00— 751 00

LIGHTING CITY.

New Orleans Gas Light Company, lighting city with gas	13,985 55
Jefferson City Gas Light Company, lighting city with gas, Sixth District	375 00
W. J. Behan, lighting city with oil	4,001 88
E. P. Briel, lighting city with oil, Fifth District	137 31
J. J. Cumpsten, fitting up Market and Recorders' Courts with gas pipes, etc	400 00—19,499 74

PARISH PRISON.

F. B. Albers, medicines	56 34— 56 34
Total	$23,752 00

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance appropriating money to defray the expenditures of the Department of Improvements for the month of November, 1870.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to defray the expenditures of the Department of Improvements for the month of November, 1870, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts draw his warrants on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

1. Expenditures of the department proper:

Purchases—	
John W. Madden, stationery	$23 50
Stetson & Armstrong, stationery	6 00
S. F. Siskron, law books	20 00
J. R. West, livery of horse, authorized by No. 402, Administration series	50 00
Charity—Authorized by ordinance No. 95, Administration series:	
Cain & Deipert, fuel	20 00
C. Pleasants, forage	55 00
2. Expenditures of the Bureau of Streets:	
Purchases—	
William Henry, ballast	$450 00
William Henry, ballast	450 00
William Henry, ballast	142 50
William Henry, lake shells	467 50
M. Drascovich, rent	30 00
B. Lafonta, rent	20 00
F. Vonder Haar, rent	20 00
Francis Noel, rent	20 00
Rice Bros. & Co., stoves, etc	22 50
John W. Madden, stationery	161 00
Hasam & Pooley, lumber	242 50
Hasam & Pooley, lumber	301 00
Folger & Co., hardware	178 07
William Henry, lake shells	225 00
William Henry, ballast	245 00
W. H. Waters, stove pipe, etc	12 00
W. D. Ash, reimbursement	17 90
Field & Bell, coal	53 10
M. Condran, oyster shells	235 62
J. H. Peters, locksmithing	3 50
J. C. Davey, harness	65 00
A. D. Doriocourt, damages	50 00
Philip Drumm, ferriage	2 00
Joseph Schwartz, repairs	45 00
John C. Stewart, material	61 00
Charles Hughes, brush and seive	5 50
Protector Steam Fire Company No. 2, services	105 00
Alexander M. Connell, lumber	376 96
Frank Fritas, oyster shells	10 05
John Coleman, curbstones on St. Charles avenue	467 50
John Coleman, curbstones on St. Charles avenue	414 26
John Coleman curbstones on St. Charles avenue	452 10
John Coleman, curbstones on St. Charles avenue	476 71
William Reynolds, intersection of Washington and Locust streets	42 20
Contracts—	
E. D. White, repairing and keeping in repair the paved streets of Third Ward	791 66
M. M. Feeney, repairing and keeping in repair the street bridges of Second District	496 66
M. M. Feeney, new work on bridges in Second District	500 40
Thomas Duffy, repairing and keeping in repair the bridges of the Third District	332 91
Thomas Duffy, new work on bridges in Third District	559 38
Edward Burns, repairing and keeping in repair the street bridges in Fourth District	499 58
Edward Burns, new work on bridges in Fourth District	99 78
John Bietry, brick bridges on northwest side of St. Charles avenue	1000 00
3. Expenditures of the Bureau of Wharves and Landings:	
Purchases—	
Hasam & Pooley, lumber	$247 25
Hasam & Pooley, lumber	430 00
Field & Bell, coal	17 70
P. M. Schneidau, services tug Tyler	15 00
B. McDonogh, oyster shells	391 60
Folger & Co., hardware	9 95
Rice Bros. & Co., stoves, etc	46 70
J. W. Madden, stationery	130 00
Contract—	
E. L. Cope, towing nuisance boats	407 91
4. Expenditures of the City Bureau of Drainage:	
Purchases—	
McCloskey & Co., coal	$320 00
McCloskey & Co., coal	270 00
Lawrence Duffy, iron castings	293 00
Lawrence Duffy, iron castings	428 50
Lawrence Duffy, iron castings	398 80
J. L. Gubernator, lumber	39 00
John Kerwin, brick works	32 50
James Lindsay, carpenter work	122 00
Judgment—	
Louis Gagnet, draining into Carondelet Navigation Company's Canal	500 00
5. Expenditures of the Surveyor's department:	
Purchases—	
William Barrett, stationery	$128 15
John W. Madden, stationery	88 00
O. R. McLean, reel frame and purchase gear, etc	50 00
New Orleans Republican, subscription	32 00
C. L'Hote, lumber	159 3
William Von Drozkowsky, copperwork for sounding	12 00
L. J. Fremeaux, repairs to levee	3 00
Louisiana Frear Stone Manufacturing Company, squaring and lettering granite blocks	20 00
Folger & Co., hardware	87 14
Total	$15,315 94

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

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

Be it ordained, 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:

S. Doebel, for erecting a cistern at Paulding School-house, under Ordinance 445, Administration Series, $60.

J. T. Hamlin, repairs of Franklin School, under same ordinance, $222.

J. T. Hamlin, repairs of Paulding School, under same ordinance, $547 15.

J. T. Hamlin, repairs of McDonogh School, under same ordinance, $84 75.

T. Soublet, repairs of Gentilly School, under same ordinance, $167 95.

T. Soublet, repairs of Pontchartrain School, under same ordinance, $84 90.

T. Soublet, repairs of Macarty School, under same ordinance, $194 45.

T. Soublet, repairs of Le Breton School, under same ordinance, $310 50.

Frances Willis, for mattresses and blankets burnt by order of the Board of Health, as per bill approved by Administrator of Police, $19.

Albert Voorhees, for professional services, $500.

The following persons, under a judgment of the Fourth District Court, in the matter of the opening of Union street, viz.:

Jules Benit, Commissioner, $150.
Thomas J. Burke, Commissioner, $150.
Thomas Theard, Commissioner, $150.
Jules E. Michel, clerk, $150.
Louis H. Pilie, Civil Engineer, $250.

C. H. Luzenburg, District Attorney, for seventeen convictions obtained in the First District Court, as per account, approved by the Judge of said court, $255.

J. G. Roche, Coroner of First and Fourth Districts, for inquests, views and burials in June, 1870, $912.

P. Creagh, Coroner of First, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts, for inquests, views and burials in November, 1870, $164.

James T. Jackson, Coroner of Second and Third Districts, for inquests, views and burials in November, 1870, $139.

L. Pesson, Recorder of Births and Deatlis, for recording deaths occurring in the charitable institutions of the city in July, August, September, October and November, 1870, 1419, at fifty cents each, $705.

Thomas Lynne, Clerk of the Eighth District Court, for transcript of appeal in suit of Louisiana Bank vs. John S. Walton, Administrator of Finance, $32 10.

John W. Madden, for stationery for Department of Accounts, $238 25.

James A. Gresham, for account books for Department of Accounts, $105.

G. G. Fisk, attorney at law, for professional services in sundry suits for and against the late City of Jefferson, $272.

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr Shaw:

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

Be it ordained, 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:

Steamboat Mollie Able, for freight on cast iron pipe, as per bill approved by Department of Waterworks and Public Buildings, $245 44.

Steel & Company, for stationery, etc., for office of City Attorney, $66 75.

Hon. B. F. Flanders, for sundry expenses paid by him, $16.

McCutchon & Howell, for hardware bought February 1, 1868, as per bill approved by Finance Committee, $3.

A. T. Turner, for examination of printing accounts in November, 1870, $30.

Adopted.

The City Attorney's Office.

Mr. Shaw introduced the following ordinance:

An ordinance relative to the office of City Attorney.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the City Attorney be authorized two employ two clerks, at the rate of one hundred and seventy-five dollars each per month, and two attorneys at law, at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars each per month, to hold their positions during the pleasure of the Council. The said attorneys shall attend to tax and license suits, and such other law matters as may be assigned them by the City Attorney.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, That ordinance No. 559 be and the same is hereby repealed.

The roll was called and the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Petitions.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following petition:

NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE AND CHATTANOOGA Railroad Company, New Orleans, December 1, 1870.

Hon. B. F. Flanders, Mayor:

By the provisions of two certain ordinances of the city of New Orleans, approved respectively the fifteenth day of November, 1867, and the seventeenth day of June, 1869, the city of New Orleans became obligated to this company to open and grade an extension of Claiborne street, from St. Bernard avenue to Lafayette avenue, and by the express terms of the ordinance approved June 17, 1869, the city assumed to complete within a specified time so much of the grading of said extension, between Elysian Fields street and Lafayette avenue, as should be required to enable this company to lay one track of its road along the same. Though the Mayor at that time repeatedly promised that the work should be done, he continually neglected to do it, and finally obliged this company to do the work, at a season of the year when its performance was difficult and expensive. I respectfully refer you to the provisions of the ordinances named.

Herewith I submit to you for the examination of the proper officers the vouchers for all disbursements made by the company for the said work between Elysian Fields street and Lafayette avenue, amounting, on the first day of November, 1870, to $40,089 94. Will you please have the account examined, and advise me whether correct, and, if so, when and how it will be paid to the company by the city.

And oblige yours, very truly,
JAMES A. RAYNOR, President.

The communication was referred to the Administrators of Assessments and Improvements.

The following petition was received and ordered to be printed, and referred to the Administrator of Improvements.

NEW ORLEANS, December 5, 1870.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

The undersigned, residents of this city, and interested in its material prosperity, have the honor to respectfully invite the attention of your honorable body to the serious burden, loss and inconvenience entailed upon the commerce of this city by reason of the exposure incident to the present manner in which all articles of commerce consigned to or shipped from this port by water craft are laden or unladen, and the almost certainty that all merchandise must suffer damage and deterioration while it is unavoidably exposed during the most favorable and expeditious process of shipment or delivery, over the present broad, unprotected and unsheltered public levee and wharves; and also to petition and invite your consent to and concurrence in a plan for obviating such loss, and enhancing the commercial and material interests of the city, both in the present and in the future, by furnishing as nearly as possible a complete guarantee to all shippers against any loss or damage by exposure to the elements, or from larceny and peculation by wharf thieves.

We believe there is no city in the world, possessed of any considerable commerce, where the merchandise arriving at and shipped from its wharves is so exposed to certain damage and depreciation from storm and the elements as in this city. This fact is so well comprehended by merchants and shippers in other portions of the country along our great water courses naturally tributary to our city, that they have, as it were, established a scale or percentage of loss which their merchandise must suffer if sent here and passed over our public wharves in process of transhipment on its way to the ocean. So serious has this charge and estimate become, that the commercial prosperity of this city has become seriously and palpably affected. The products of the Mississippi valley are for this reason seeking other less natural avenues to the ocean, even at increased rates of freight, thus materially damaging not only the city, but the steamboat interest and capital embarked in navigation.

The public levee and wharves in front of the business portion of the city, over which the commerce of the city is carried on, are wholly unprotected from storm, or the equally disastrous effect of a broiling summer sun, the water-front distant from warehouses, crowded with steamboats and barges, that in order to fulfill engagements and charter party obligations, are compelled to discharge or receive all kinds of merchandise on an open public common, or unsheltered plank platform, certain that however perfect the condition of the merchandise when taken from the vessel or wharehouse, a few moments' unavoidable exposure to storm on the open levee will effect a permanent damage and depreciation of its value, and involve the carrier in an unpleasant dispute or expensive litigation to satisfy the owner or consignee as to the date of the damage and liability.

It is impossible to estimate the actual loss that results directly from the exposed and unprotected condition of our public levee. It is enormous beyond calculation. The damage can only be approximated by calling your attention to important staple articles of commerce.

Twenty-four hours' exposure to the hot sun of spring or summer, permanently damages, and, in some instances, actually sours, the best brands of flour. A single hour's exposure to showers so damages and discolors the barrels and packages as to render it an inferior and second-rate article in the market, and involves the shipper in a greater loss than any expected margins of profit. The loss in this article of commerce alone is incalculable.

Bacon, hams, lard and butter suffer equally from exposure—in many instances where these articles are removed from the levee with the utmost possible expedition, the loss by depreciation amounts to thousands of dollars on a single consignment. The more fragile articles of commerce suffer in equal proportion. This charge entails upon the commerce at this port a burden more serious than the national tariff, and it is not unreasonable that merchants and shippers in the Valley of the Mississippi and the great West should seek other routes to the ocean, where their experience guarantees that their