

CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING.

CITY HALL, New Orleans, April 11, 1871.

The Council met in regular session at 7 P. M., Hon. B. F. Flinders, Mayor, presiding.

There were present Administrators L. T. Delassie (Waterworks and Public Buildings), J. C. Remick (Commerce), James Lewis (Police), J. S. Walton (Finance), and H. Bonzano (Assessments).

Reports from Administrators. By Mr. Delassie: DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS, April 11, 1871.

In response to an advertisement calling for proposals for the erection of a market-house in the Fifth District, two were received, the lowest of which, \$12,450, is, in my estimation, far in excess of the amount that should be spent for a market building in said district.

Adopted. New Business. Mr. Walton offered the following preamble and ordinance, and moved that they be printed in the journal and laid over for future consideration.

WHEREAS, A year has now elapsed since this administration entered upon its duties, supported by the confidence of the community in its fiscal integrity...

Whereas, the experience of the past year has demonstrated that our resources are not equal to the scale of expenditures...

Whereas, the present depressed condition of the community utterly precludes the possibility of increasing our resources by additional taxation...

Whereas, longer continuance in the course we are now pursuing must inevitably lead to bankruptcy and a total cessation of the functions of government...

Be it ordained, that from and after this date all public improvements requiring an outlay of money shall be suspended...

SECTION 1. Be it further ordained, that the Department of Commerce be organized, and shall consist of: One Administrator.

One secretary, with an annual salary not exceeding \$2000. One clerk, with an annual salary not exceeding \$1500.

One messenger, with an annual salary not exceeding \$600. One superintendent of wharfingers, with an annual salary not exceeding \$2500.

One wharfinger for the First District, with an annual salary not exceeding \$1900. One wharfinger for the Second District, with an annual salary not exceeding \$1800.

One wharfinger for the Third District, with an annual salary not exceeding \$1800. Four deputy wharfingers, one for each district, with an annual salary not exceeding \$1200 each.

Two laborers, with monthly salary of \$50 each. One laborer, with monthly salary of \$250.

One superintendent of market inspectors, with an annual salary not exceeding \$1900. One superintendent of fire department, with an annual salary not exceeding \$1800.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, etc. That the Administrator of the Department of Commerce shall be and he shall be solely responsible for the collection and payment of the same to the Administrator of Finance...

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained, etc. That the wharfingers shall be ex-officio collectors of levee dues, and in that capacity shall discharge all the duties of collectors of levee dues, and be solely responsible for the collection and payment of the same to the Administrator of Finance...

Sec. 4. That the salaries of all officers appointed to duties in the Department of Commerce shall be paid monthly upon pay rolls to be prepared by the Administrator of Finance...

Sec. 5. Be it further ordained, etc. That all ordinances, resolutions and parts of the same inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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...

McDonogh school fund—For six months interest on bonds to McDonogh school fund, in accordance with act of the Legislature of the No. 111, approved March, 1861; and ordinances of the Common Council, registered May 20, 1862, \$3,270 00

Fink asylum fund—For six months interest on bonds, amounting to \$48,000, issued by the city to Fink asylum fund, in accordance with act of the Legislature, approved March 9, 1861; and ordinance of the Common Council, registered May 20, 1862, 1,440 00

Fink asylum fund—For two years interest on bonds, amounting to \$48,000, issued by the city to Fink asylum fund, in accordance with act of the Legislature, approved March 9, 1861; and ordinance of the Common Council, approved March 9, 1861, No. 6119, No date, 13,080 00

McDonogh school fund—For amounts loaned the city November 5, 1870, no per resolution, 7,000 00

McDonogh school fund—Interest at seven per cent to date, 77 50

Total, \$20,157 50

Of the number 111 were committed to the Workhouse, 319 to the Parish Prison, 91 to the State Prison, 45 to the House of Refuge, 13 to the Insane Asylum; 57 were released on parole, 729 were freed, 1773 were discharged, and 58,000 of accusedly disposed of by being committed, referred to the Metropolitan Police Board, etc.

The following are the receipts and expenditures of the Department of Finance:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, and amounts. Includes items like Salaries, BUREAU OF STREETS, BUREAU OF WHARVES AND LANDING, BUREAU OF CITY DRAINAGE.

Showing an increase over last month's receipts of \$857 50.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, and amounts. Includes items like Pay rolls, Carriage hire, Subscription for official journal.

Total, \$3,215 43. A decrease in expenses over last month's of about two hundred dollars.

CITY WORKHOUSE. Average number of prisoners in this institution per day during the month was 131 1/2; males, 243; females, 164; total, 407; an increase of 154 on the month previous.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, CITY WORKHOUSE, and amounts. Includes items like Pay rolls, Subscription for official journal, Coopers' tools.

Total, \$1,855 78. As per report of work performed for other branches of the city government:

Table with columns: DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS, CITY WORKHOUSE, and amounts. Includes items like Burying indigent dead, Burial of horses.

Total, \$603 60. The total cost for subsistence was (including bread furnished by Boys' House of Refuge) \$733.

INDIGENT DEAD. During the month there were sixty-five sick removed to the hospital, and three burials. The City Physician for the Fifth District attended thirty-one patients, for whom medicines were furnished by the city.

Table with columns: BOYS' HOUSE OF REFUGE, CITY WORKHOUSE, and amounts. Includes items like Pay rolls, Subscription for official journal, Lumber, hardware, and miscel.

Total, \$1,604 86. By furnished, as follows: City Workhouse, 3463 lbs at 6 cents \$207 78

Insane Asylum, 4706 lbs at 6 cents 282 36

Home for Aged and Infirm, 697 lbs at 6 cents 41 82

Girls' House of Refuge, 429 lbs at 6 cents 25 74

Boys' House of Refuge, 609 lbs at 6 cents 365 94

Total, \$924 18. Showing a profit on the flour of about \$500.

Table with columns: GIRL'S HOUSE OF REFUGE, CITY WORKHOUSE, and amounts. Includes items like Number of inmates on hand February 28, 1871.

Total, 21. EXPENSES. Salaries, \$75 00

Subscription to official journal, 16 00

Wood, 16 50

Fresh beef, vegetables, groceries and provisions, 141 94

Shoes for inmates, 28 50

Total, \$274 94. CITY CEMETERIES. The receipts from sales of lots and burials during the month amounted to \$491 25.

REVENUES TO THE CITY FROM THIS SOURCE during the month amounted in the aggregate to \$374 35.

SUMMARY. Of the cash expenditures of this department during the month which include salaries and all other expenses:

Table with columns: SUMMARY, CITY WORKHOUSE, and amounts. Includes items like Administrators' office, City Workhouse, Boys' House of Refuge.

Total, \$27,762 74. JAMES LEWIS, Administrator. Received and ordered printed.

By Mr. Lewis: DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, April 11, 1871.

Hon. Benj. F. Flinders, Mayor: Sir—I have the honor to submit the following report of this department for the month of March, 1871.

RECORDERS' COURTS. Number of cases assigned before each court during the month: 1, 234

By Mr. Lewis: DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS, April 11, 1871.

To the Hon. Benj. F. Flinders, Mayor: Sir—In response to a resolution of the Council, passed on the 28th of February, 1871, I have the honor to report to you the progress of the work assigned to me.

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of Jose Ferrer y Ferrer to lease city property bounded by Wells, Water, Crossman and Canal streets, respectfully recommends the granting of the petition and the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

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