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REGULAR MEETING.

CITY HALL, New Orleans, July 13, 1871. The Council met in regular session at noon.

Mayor Benj. F. Flanders, presided and there were present Administrators H. Bonzano (Assessor), John S. Walton (Finance), James Lewis (Police), F. C. Benick (Commerce), L. T. Delassize (Waterworks and Public Buildings), Alfred Shaw (Accounts), and John Cockrem (Improvements).

Condition of the Insane Asylum. The Mayor laid before the Council the following message, stating it had been suggested by a communication from the Administrator of Public Buildings:

ADMINISTRATORS—I deem it my duty to call the special attention of the Council to the condition of the City Insane Asylum. There are at present seventy-two males and seventy-five females, making a total of one hundred and forty-seven patients in that institution, who are crowded into fifty-two small rooms, for cellars, damp and destitute of ventilation.

Monthly Report. Mr. Delassize presented his monthly report as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS, July 1, 1871. To the Honorable B. F. Flanders, Mayor of the City of New Orleans.

During the past month nothing outside of the ordinary routine business claimed the attention of this department. As to Waterworks, I have therefore merely to report:

Table with columns for Gallons water pumped during June, Hours worked, Coal consumed, Salaries, Expenses, and various departmental costs.

Appropriations. The expense ordinance of the Department of Assessments for June was passed, with the addition of an item of William Kerston, stamps, \$18.75.

Claims of Norbert Trepagnier, \$1200.70, and J. A. Mascot, \$5431.85, were referred to the Mayor, with power.

Expense ordinance of the Department of Waterworks for June was adopted. Claims of G. P. Fernald, clerk of the Fourth District Court, laid over last week, were passed, and referred to the Mayor, with power.

Expense ordinance of the Department of Police for June was passed, with the addition of an item of William Kerston, stamps, \$18.75. The expense ordinance of the Department of Commerce for June was passed.

ordinances for the month of June, examined and approved, \$46. The New Orleans Republican, for advertising proposals for the Department of Improvements, examined and approved, \$87.

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We recommend that the city avail itself of the powers thus reserved, and proceed with those other works at the present time with those absolutely necessary, and which have been actually entered upon.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and forty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated and made special order, to purchase one Excelsior horse mower for use in the public squares, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Department of Finance in favor of G. W. Sizer, for the above amount.

Resolved, That the committee on drainage prepare a plan for the construction of a protection levee on or near the lake shore, which, after being approved by the Council, shall be the guide for the contractor and surveyor, under the direction of the Administrator of Improvements, in the construction of the work.

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