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CITY COUNCIL--OFFICIAL

REGULAR MEETING.

CITY HALL,
New Orleans, August 15, 1871.

The Council met in regular session at noon.

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

Monthly Reports.

By Mr. Cockrem:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS,
August 12, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

As required by law I have the honor to submit the following report of the expenses of this department for the month of July, 1871:

DEPARTMENT PROPER.

Salaries	$370 00	
Expenses	116 35	— 486 35

BUREAU OF STREETS.

Salaries	$2,956 66	
Wages	31,603 41	
Repairs	8,728 82	
Expenses	340 90	—43,629 79

BUREAU OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

Salaries	$550 00	
Wages	1,472 70	
Repairs	1,826 47	— 3,849 17

BUREAU OF CITY DRAINAGE.

Salaries	$425 00	
Wages	15,358 87	
Repairs	5,743 61	
Expenses	35 00	—21,562 48

SECOND DRAINAGE SECTION.

Wages	$968 62	
Repairs, etc	1,160 32	— 2,128 94

Total for department $71,356 73

The item of wages has been considerably increased by reason of repairs to canal levees.

JOHN COCKREM, Administrator.

By Mr. Lewis:

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,
August 15, 1871.

Hon. Benj. F. Flanders, Mayor:

I have the honor to submit the following report of this department for the month of July, 1871:

RECORDERS' COURTS.

The following will exhibit the number of cases arraigned before each court:

First District	...
Second District	799
Third District	292
Fourth District	176
Fifth District	95
Sixth District	86
Total	1447

Of this number 117 were committed to the Workhouse, 144 to the Parish Prison, 33 to the First District Court, 4 to the Houses of Refuge, 10 to the Insane Asylum; 100 were released on peace bonds, 135 were fined, 786 were discharged, and 119 miscellaneously disposed of by being continued, etc.

The following are the receipts and expenditures:

RECEIPTS.

First District—	
Fines and bonds collected	$1140 25
Second District—	
Fines and bonds collected	347 00
Third District—	
Fines and bonds collected	222 50
Fourth District—	
Fines and bonds collected	393 80
Fifth District—	
Fines and bonds collected	63 50
Sixth District—	
Fines and bonds collected	222 50
Total	$2389 55

EXPENDITURES.

First District—	
Pay rolls, etc	$827 33
Second District—	
Pay rolls, etc	715 33
Third District—	
Pay rolls, etc	550 83
Fourth District—	
Pay rolls, etc	473 33
Fifth District—	
Pay rolls, etc	373 33
Sixth District—	
Pay rolls, etc	387 03
Total	$3327 18

Note.—The returns from the First District Recorder, which would materially increase the number of prisoners, were not received in time to be embodied in this report.

CITY WORKHOUSE.

Average number of prisoners in this institution per day during the month was 118; number subsisted during the month, males, 3096; females, 1585; total, 3681.

EXPENDITURES.

Pay rolls	$608 31
Groceries, provisions, fresh beef and vegetables	584 93
Fuel, bricks, sand, etc	129 00
Hardware	34 74
Total	$1356 98

* EARNINGS

As per report of work performed for other branches of the city government:

Department of Improvements, miscellaneous work	$47 25
Burying indigent dead and conveying sick to hospital, coffins furnished, horses cared for, repairs to wagons, etc	388 50
Prison wagons, repairs to same and care of horses	215 00
Boys' House of Refuge—hire of horse and wagon for delivery of bread, repairs to wagon, hire of female prisoners for washing, etc	55 00
City Hall—for towels washed	21 00
Miscellaneous work	40 50
Total	$767 25

The total cost for subsistence was, including bread furnished by Boys' House of Refuge, $805 49. The average number of officers and prisoners subsisted was 129, at a cost of about twenty cents per day each.

INDIGENT DEAD.

During the month there were eighty-one sick removed to hospital, and twenty-nine burials. The City Physician, Fifth District, attended thirty-nine patients during the month, for whom medical supplies were furnished by the city.

BOYS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Number of inmates on hand, June 30	136
Number committed during the month	11
Total	147
Number released during the month	20
Number escaped during the month	2
Number died during the month	1
Number remaining on hand July 31	124

Average number per day during the month, 128, for whom subsistence was furnished at an expense of $886 06, including the cost of bread furnished by themselves. This also covers the expense of subsisting ten officers, making a total of 138, at an expense of about twenty-three cents per day each.

EXPENDITURES.

Pay rolls	$445 00
Groceries, provisions, fresh beef, vegetables, etc	270 88
Flour for bakery	122 33
Fuel for bakery	69 50
Miscellaneous	85 35
Total	$1002 96

EARNINGS.

For bread furnished as follows:

City Workhouse	$226 56
Insane Asylum	304 02
Home of Aged and Infirm	33 48
Girls' House of Refuge	33 30
Boys' House of Refuge	345 18
Total	$936 54

GIRLS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Inmates on hand July 1	24
Number released during the month	3
Number on hand July 31	21

EXPENSES.

Groceries, provisions and vegetables	$115 06
Fresh beef	22 50
Total	$137 56

CITY CEMETERIES.

The receipts from sales of lots and burials during the month amounted to $260 50.

SUMMARY

Of the cash expenditures of this department for the month, which includes salaries and expenses of every other character:

Administrators' office	$383 00
City Workhouse	1,356 98
Boys' House of Refuge	1,704 58
Girls' House of Refuge	212 56
Lighting city	19,348 92
Recorders' Courts	3,327 18
City cemeteries	30 00
City Park	60 00
Public squares	306 50
Public pounds	546 96
Parish Prison, medical supplies	146 60
Burying indigent dead, etc	391 70
Total	$27,814 88

JAMES LEWIS, Administrator.

Mr. Walton presented his monthly report, as follows, showing a balance of $161,091, of which sum $26,000 was not available.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF FINANCE FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 1871.

	Dr.
Balance from June 30, 1871	$91,832 99
Bills receivable	525 00
Consolidated loan tax, 1870	199,578 37
City railroads	737 35
City tax on real estate, 1869	4,690 95
City tax, Sixth District, 1869	463 50
City tax, Fifth District, 1869	167 50
Consolidated loan tax, 1869	7,038 49
City taxes, 1862	5 18
Consolidated loan tax, 1862	9 06
City taxes, 1864	275 25
Consolidated loan tax, 1864	220 12
City taxes, 1865	25
Consolidated loan tax, 1865	37
City taxes, 1863	5 94
Consolidated loan tax, 1863	11 07
Drainage collections	962 10
Fines and fees	2,291 05
Ground rents	134 47
Cemeteries	692 75
Interest	1,683 12
Interest on railroad bonds, 1869	2,048 83
Interest on Jefferson City bonds	256 75
Interest on seven per cent bonds, 1869	47,314 86
Interest on seven per cent bonds, 1870	47,314 93
Interest on railroad bonds, 1862	2 76
Interest on railroad bonds, 1863	94 39
Interest on railroad bonds, 1865	13
Interest on railroad bonds, 1870	66,979 58
Interest on railroad bonds, 1863	3 49
Law charges	667 80
Levee dues	17,828 34
Licenses	4,066 25
Markets, 1871	22,335 00
Metropolitan Police warrants, 1870	7,279 21
Metropolitan Police tax, 1869	6,719 83
Metropolitan Police tax, Fifth District, 1869	175 00
Metropolitan Police tax, Sixth District, 1869	335 12
Metropolitan Police warrants, 1871	92,489 56
Metropolitan Police tax, 1870	94,667 40
New Orleans Park tax, 1869	1,037 91
New Orleans Park tax, 1870	6 25
City taxes, 1870	296,668 70
Public pounds	381 10
Pontchartrain railroad tax, 1871	96 65
Printing tax list, 1870	756 93
Sugar shed dues	563 58
Tax redemption million loan, 1868	117 50
Sixth District taxes, 1869	50 00
Sixth District taxes, 1868	13 50
Tax redemption million loan, 1869	5,051 37
Tax redemption million loan, 1870	94,642 34
Waterworks	4,343 12
Sixth District taxes, 1864	36 00
Workhouse	60 00
Total	$1,036,475 37

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By aged, infirm and indigent	$437 40
Bureau of City Attorney, office expenses	326 60
City Attorney and employes	2,966 60
Consolidated loan tax, 1870	199,578 37
Courthouses, 1871	43 00
Consolidated loan tax, 1869	7,038 49
Criminal clerks' fees, general service	584 25
Contingent, 1871, general service	3,637 32
Consolidated loan tax, 1862	9 06
Consolidated loan tax, 1864	220 12
Consolidated loan tax, 1865	37
Consolidated loan tax, 1863	11 07
Department of Finance, office expenses	7 60
Department of Commerce, office expenses	245 00
Department of Assessments, office expenses	313 90
Department of Improvements and Bureaus, office expenses	492 80
Department of Police, office expenses	74 75
Department of Public Accounts, office expenses	297 70
Department of Waterworks, office expenses	43 15
Drainage, general service	6,563 72
District Attorney fees, 1870, general service	750 00
Employes in Mayor's office, salaries	1,175 00
Employes in City Hall building, salaries	255 00
Employes of Council, salaries	275 00
Employes in Department of Finance, salaries	3,395 37
Employes in Department of Commerce, salaries	3,604 54
Employes in Department of Assessments, salaries	5,991 51
Employes in Department of Improvements, salaries, Administrators' office	643 34
Employes in Bureau of Streets, salaries	4,366 66
Employes in Bureau of Wharves and Landings, salaries	400 00
Employes in Bureau of Drainage, salaries	125 00
Employes in Department of Police, salaries, Administrators' office	434 00
Employes in cemeteries and City Park, salaries	474 00
Employes in public pounds, salaries	468 62
Employes in House of Refuge for Boys, salaries	310 00
Employes in House of Refuge for Girls, salaries	150 00
Employes in workhouse, salaries	874 98
Employes in public squares, salaries	861 00
Employes in Department of Public Accounts, salaries, Administrators' office	4,301 30
Employes in Department of Waterworks, salaries, Administrators' office	1,563 15
Employes in Waterworks office, salaries	2,323 20
Employes in Waterworks proper, salaries	1,996 70
Employes in Insane Asylum, salaries	920 00
Employes in Courthouses, salaries	400 00
Furniture, general service	419 52
Five-eighth Tax Excess	1,802 18
Gretna Ferry	360 00
Home of Aged and Infirm	100 00
House of Refuge for Boys, general service	1,278 25
House of Refuge for Girls, general service	119 62
Ice, general service	135 25
Insane Asylum, general service	359 21
Inquests	1,442 00
Interest	14,400 60
Interest on railroad bonds, 1869	2,048 83
Interest on Jefferson City bonds	4,656 75
Interest on seven per cent bonds, 1869	47,314 86
Interest on seven per cent bonds, 1870	47,314 93
Interest on Waterworks bonds	5,306 00
Interest on seven-thirty certificates	59 64
Interest on wharf bonds	3,223 50
Interest on railroad bonds, 1862	2 76
Interest on railroad bonds, 1863	94 39
Interest on railroad bonds, 1865	13
Interest on railroad bonds, 1870	66,979 58
Interest on railroad bonds, 1863	3 49
Jury service	35 00
Judgments, October 5, 1870, general service	23,157 99
Libraries, salaries	400 00
Lighting city, gas, general service	30,303 30
Lighting city, oil, general service	3,947 93
Law charges	3,263 30
Licenses	175 00
Mayor and seven Administrators, salaries for	7,750 00
Mayor's office expenses	370 55
Markets, repairs for	8 60
Metropolitan Police tax, 1869	6,719 83
Metropolitan Police tax, Fifth District, 1869	175 00
Metropolitan Police warrants, Carrollton	125 00
Metropolitan Police tax, Sixth District, 1869	335 12
Metropolitan Police warrants, St. Bernard parish	77 22
Metropolitan Police warrants, 1871	4,586 22
Metropolitan Police tax, 1870	92,490 03
Morgan wharf contract	2,337 35
Opening Frank'n street	150 00
Printing proceedings of Council	237 20
Printing and promulgating ordinances	693 00
Printing reports, advertisement of proposals, etc	1,413 60
Public squares	10 00
Parish Prison	13,173 85
Public pounds	174 00
Parish of Jefferson, left bank	1,000 00
Public sinks	750 00
Pontchartrain railroad tax, 1871	96 65
Rents	1,200 00
Repairs to Courthouse	381 05
Repairs to markets	2,173 60
Recording births and deaths	291 85
Recorders' Courts	4,895 99
Redemption of wharf bonds	4,023 33
Streets, Bureau of, office expenses	119 00
Sanitary inspectors, salaries	1,575 00
Surveyor and employes	2,392 52
Surveyor, office expenses	166 75
Support of orphans	7,433 55
Sanitary expenses	150 00
Repairs	12,236 42
Tax redemption, million loan, 1868	117 50
Tax redemption, million loan, 1869	5,051 37
Tax redemption, million loan, 1870	94,642 34
Wages, streets	40,048 22
Wages, wharves and landings	5,086 77
Wages, draining, 1871	14,227 89
Wages, laborers under surveyors	258 60
Wharves and landings, repairs, etc	4,607 28
Waterworks, for fuel, pipes, etc., general service	8,176 65
Workhouse, 1870 and 1871	931 47
John S. Walton, treasurer drainage fund	962 10
Police, Metropolitan	346 50
Fire Department	10,000 00
Total	$875,384 57
Balance on hand	161,091 80

JOHN S. WALTON,
Administrator of Finance.

Department Business.

By Mr. Delassize:

DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS, August 15, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

At the session of the fifth ultimo, there was referred to me by the Council two communications—one a protest by the New Orleans Sanitary and Fertilizing Company against the adjudication of a contract for earth closets, and attention thereto, to the Louisiana Fertilizer Manufacturing Company; and the other, the answer of the latter company to the protest.

As these communications contained the views of the attorneys of both corporations as to the law of the case, and, of course, diametrically opposed in their conclusions, I submitted them to the City Attorney for his opinion. The conclusions of that officer are as follows:

"It is safer for the city to regard the act of the Legislature conferring certain privileges upon the New Orleans Sanitary and Fertilizing Company as valid, until judicially declared otherwise. Under such circumstances, I advise against entering into the contemplated agreement with the Louisiana Fertilizer Manufacturing Company."

In view of the opinion, I beg leave to withdraw the resolution adjudicating the contract for earth closets and attention thereto to the Louisiana Fertilizer Manufacturing Company, and recommend that all bids received in response to an advertisement under resolution No. 903, Administration series, be rejected.

L. T. DELASSIZE, Administrator.

Received and adopted.

Mr. Cockrem presented the following report, with the explanation that the amount involved was about $300, to be paid by the property holders:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS,
August 4, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following bid received in answer to the advertisement inviting "proposals for sidewalk on Broadway street:"

James J. O'Hara bids ninety cents per running foot; and this being the only bid and considered reasonable, it is recommended that the accompanying resolution be adopted adjudicating the contract to and receiving the security offered by said O'Hara.

JOHN COCKREM, Administrator.

Resolved, That the proposal of James J. O'Hara, for constructing a wooden sidewalk on the lower side of Broadway street, from St. Charles to Burthe street, at ninety cents per running foot, and offering Robert Dean as security in the sum of five hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby accepted, and the Mayor authorized to enter into contract on behalf of the city, per notarial act before the City Notary, for the faithful performance of said contract.

Adopted.

By Mr. Cockrem:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS,
August 14, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

I have the honor to report the following change in officers of this Department: H. G. Pearson, appointed acting Superintendent Bureau of Streets, August 5, 1871, vice William Roy, removed.

JOHN COCKREM, Administrator.

Adopted.

By Mr. Cockrem:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS,
August, 13 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

I have the honor to furnish herewith plans and estimates for paving with square block stone the streets hereinafter named and the streets lying within the boundaries hereinafter set forth, viz:

Canal street, from the terminus of the present pavement to the wharf.

Julia street, from Rampart to Claiborne street.

Rampart street, from Julia to Delord street.

BOUNDARIES.

Canal street, Front street, Thalia street and the Levee in the First District.

Canal street, Peters or Old Levee street, St. Peter street and the levee in the Second District.

The cost to the city will be about $600,000; the cost to the property owners about $325,000, including iron bridge tops.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the plan and estimates, also of the accompanying resolution.

JOHN COCKREM, Administrator.

Resolved, That the Administrator of Improvements be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for making square block stone pavements on Canal, Gravier, Poydras, Lafayette, Girod, Notre Dame, Julia, St. Joseph, North Market, South Market, Delord, Calliope, Gaiennie, Erato and Thalia streets from Front street to the wharf.

Front, Delta and Water streets from Canal to Calliope street.

Crossman, Customhouse, Bienville, Conti, St. Louis, Toulouse and St. Peter streets from Front street to the wharf.

Clay street from Customhouse to St. Louis street.

Front street from Customhouse to Conti street.

Wells street from Canal to Customhouse street.

Julia street from Rampart to Claiborne street.

Delord street from Rampart to Claiborne street.

Rampart street from Julia to Delord street.

Laid over to be printed.

By Mr. Cockrem:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS,
August 14, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of John Kaiser and Theodore Judt for extension of Magazine street railroad, Sixth District of this city, begs to report favorably, and recommends the passage of the accompanying ordinance.

JOHN COCKREM, Administrator.

An ordinance concerning the Magazine street railroad, and granting the owners of said road the right and privilege for extension, maintenance and use of its railroad on Magazine street, from Joseph to Lower Line streets, in the city of New Orleans.

Be it ordained, That permission be and is hereby granted to the owners of the Magazine street railroad to lay a double track railroad, with the necessary turnouts, switches and turn-tables, through Magazine street, from its present terminus, corner of Magazine and Joseph streets, to the intersection of Lower Line and Magazine streets, upon the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE I.

That the rails used shall be of a pattern similar to those now in use by other city railroads. The timber used shall be of the best quality of swamp cypress or upland yellow pine, free from sap, and of such dimensions as may be designated by the City Surveyor.

ARTICLE II.

That the cars shall be of like construction with first class cars used upon other city railroads.

ARTICLE III.

That the lines and levels for the road shall be fixed by the City Surveyor, and its material and construction shall be subject to the approval of the City Surveyor and Administrator of Improvements.

ARTICLE IV.

That the rate of fare for the whole distance shall not exceed five cents for each passenger, and the cars shall not be run at a speed exceeding six miles per hour.

ARTICLE V.

That the railroad, cars, mules, machinery, fixtures and the property of the company shall be subject to assessment and taxation in manner and form as other taxable property in the city is assessed.

ARTICLE VI.

That at the expiration of said grant of right of way, the road, rolling stock, equipments, machinery, depots, fixtures and the property and effects appertaining to the company shall be subject to be taken by the city, at a valuation to be fixed by two disinterested persons, one to be appointed by the Mayor of the city and the other by said grantees or their assigns. In the event that said two appraisers shall not agree, then another shall be selected by them, whose decision as umpire shall be final; and in the event of a failure thus to appoint an umpire, the valuation shall be determined by one of the district courts of New Orleans having jurisdiction over the matter, with right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the State.

ARTICLE VII.

That the said extension shall be completed and opened for public use by the first day of September, 1872, and the right of way and privilege granted herein shall continue for the unexpired portion of the charter of the road.

ARTICLE VIII.

That the streets through which said grant extends, as well as the bridges thereon, shall be kept in good running order during the term of this privilege, by the owners of the road.

ARTICLE IX.

That in order to provide for an accommodation of the people of the Sixth District, not heretofore enjoyed, it shall be the duty of the said grantees, upon the completion of said railroad, to run at short intervals from five o'clock A. M. until twelve o'clock at night, and after that hour at intervals of not less than one hour each way, until five o'clock A. M., when short intervals must be resumed.

ARTICLE X.

That whenever the Administrator of Improvements may become aware that said grantees have failed to keep any street in repair, according to the provisions of the foregoing articles, the said Administrator may issue a written notice to them at their domicile, requiring said repairs to be done; and if the said work is not begun within forty-eight hours from the service of said notice, and completed within a reasonable time, then said Administrator may cause said work to be done at the charge and risk of said grantees, who shall be liable for all costs and expenses which may be incurred in executing said repairs, and shall reimburse the same to the city on demand.

ARTICLE XI.

That the said grantees shall agree to all the provisions of this ordinance within thirty days after its passage, by act before any competent notary public; or, failing therein, the ordinance to be null and void; but nothing in the provisions of this ordinance shall be construed into an obligation on the part of said grantees to repair said streets until the completion of said railroad.

ARTICLE XII.

That the city of New Orleans reserves the right to lay gas and water pipes in the streets named as the route of said railroad, and the city, in executing said work shall use as much of said streets as may be necessary without becoming liable for damages or otherwise to said grantees.

ARTICLE XIII.

This ordinance is not to be construed as granting to said owners any more than the right of way, and to that extent only is the city to be bound; and if compensation for the use of any of the streets is set up by private individuals or owners of property, the city is in no way or manner to be made liable therefor to the owners of the railroad or any person or persons whomsoever.

Laid over to be printed.

By Mr. Lewis:

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,
August 15, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

I have the honor to report the resignation of A. Lusto, chief clerk Second District Recorder's Court, to take effect on the fourteenth instant.

JAMES LEWIS, Administrator.

Received.

By Mr. Walton:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
August 15, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

I respectfully report that I have appointed Mr. Wicks a temporary clerk in my department.

JOHN S. WALTON, Administrator.

Received, and referred to committee of the whole.

Financial Business.

Mr. Lewis presented the following statement, which was received and referred to the Administrator of Public Accounts:

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT,
Metropolitan Police,
August 15, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Board of Metropolitan Police, July 22, and an ordinance adopted by the honorable Council of the city of New Orleans, July 25, I have the honor to submit the following estimate of expenses of the Metropolitan police force in the city of New Orleans for the month of August, 1871, viz:

Amount of pay rolls	$56,814 47
Amount of bills	2,685 53
Total	$59,500 00

By order of the board.

E. BAKER, Deputy Clerk.

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:

Charles Lauer, P. Irwin and G. W. Roper, for three months' rent of the house corner of St. Charles and Lafayette streets, from May 14 to August 14, 1871, $1200.

Thomas Hickey, for painting and repairing blackboards of public schools, $955 30.

Bureau of City Drainage, $1265 20.

Bureau of Streets, $4823 47.

Surveyor's Department, for cart hire, labor, etc., for the fifteen days ending August 15, approved by the Administrator of Improvements, $503.

W. J. J. Armstrong, for percentage retained on guarantee on contract for furnishing eight boilers to City Waterworks, $2300.

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:

Smith & Gilding, for carriage hire, $20.

Jacob Wakerman, for repairs, $18 50.

D. A. James, for repairs, $27 36.

Christian & Hyatt, stationery, approved by the City Attorney, $71 50.

B. F. Flanders, Mayor, for disbursement from July 10 to August 4, $22.

A. Shaw, contingent expenses Department of Public Accounts, $9.

L. F. Barrett, cash paid for cab hire, $8.

Bureau Wharves and Landings, for cart hire, etc., for the two weeks ending August 14, 1871, approved by the Administrator of Improvements, $88.

Sanitary and Fertilizing Company, for attention to earth closets in public buildings from May 20 to June 20, 1871, approved by the Administrator of Waterworks and Public Buildings, $375.

A. Jardet, jury warrants, $273.

James E. Larkin, jury warrant, $27.

J. A. Schalk, jury warrant, $39.

E. P. Boyer, jury warrant, $138.

H. R. Hubert, jury warrant, $195.

Passed and referred to the Mayor with power.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance providing for the issue of bonds to contractor for paving St. Charles avenue.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That improvement bonds be issued to the Southern Paving Company for paving St. Charles avenue, as per bills approved by the Administrator of Improvements, amounting to $6317 23, with interest from date of acceptance of the work, said bonds to be issued at the rate of seventy-five cents on the dollar.

Mr. Cockrem said on the passage of this ordinance the work would be at once commenced, and he moved the adoption of the ordinance.

Adopted.

The expense ordinance of the Department of Improvements, introduced last week, was called up and adopted, with some slight changes.

Claims of E. P. Boyer, $771, and John Klein, $312 19, were passed in seven-thirty certificates, and referred to the Mayor, with power.

Claims of Coroner Jackson, $907; New Orleans Republican, $1114 20; Geddes, Shakspeare & Co., $1523 74, and John Marks & Co., $851, were passed, and referred to the Mayor, with power.

On motion of Mr. Shaw, the Coroner's claims were made a special order, so far as they had been delayed by investigation.

Petitions.

A petition of J. Noel & Co., to use batture for wood yard, was referred to the Administrator of Commerce.

Two petitions, for the remission of fines imposed by the Recorder of the Fourth District, were referred to the Administrator of Police.

A petition of the agents of Mrs. K. Desrayaux, for rent of public schools, was referred to the Administrator of Accounts.

Mr. Shaw presented a communication from William Bloomfield, Jr., which he said contained a good deal of useful information. Referred to the Administrator of Improvements.

An assessment petition of Henry Tremoulet was referred to the Administrator of Assessments.

A wharfage petition of William Fagan was referred to the Administrator of Commerce.

A petition of Good Intent Fire Company, for a fire alarm box, was referred to the Administrator of Police.

A petition of A. L. Plough, asking the Council to elect delegates for the State Industrial Convention at Baton Rouge, was referred to the Administrator of Commerce.

A petition of Mrs. K. Anderson, transferee of Thomas Wallace, was referred to the Administrator of Police.

A tax petition of F. A. Boyle was referred to the Administrator of Assessments.

A petition of cotton receivers and factors, in favor of the proposed lease to the Vicksburg Mail Packet Company, was referred to the Administrator of Commerce.

General Business.

By Mr. Bonzano:

Resolved, That the Administrator of Public Accounts be and is hereby authorized to cancel the assessment of 1870, in square 156, second assessment district, against E. St Benedict, for capital, $4500; horse and carriage, $950; the same being a double assessment, and the correct amount has been paid on the assessment in square 168, fifth assessment district.

Laid over.

Mr. Bonzano called up the ordinance leasing wharf to Charles Morgan, and moved to strike out the whole preamble as irrelevant and unnecessary.

Mr. Lewis seconded the motion.

The preamble was as follows:

WHEREAS, Charles Morgan, the owner of the completed grand division of the Louisiana and Texas railroad (formerly the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western railroad), extending from Algiers to Berwick's Bay, a distance of eighty miles, and connecting with lines of steamers running to Louisiana and Texas ports, has applied for an extension of the space set apart by the city for the use of said railroad, rendered new absolutely necessary for his enlarged and rapidly growing business; and

Whereas, By act of the Louisiana Legislature, approved April 30, 1853, all ferry privileges were granted to said road, and it was made the duty of the city of New Orleans to grant, cede and donate, for the use of said road, the right of landing for the ferries of said road at one or more points within the city, to be defined and limited by the Common Council; and

Whereas, It is just and wise to adopt all proper measures to retain and develop the commerce of the city.

Mr. Remick opposed the motion, which was carried on a division by four to three.

Yeas: Bonzano, Walton, Lewis and Delassize—4.

Nays: Cockrem, Shaw and Remick—3.

On motion of Mr. Remick, the further consideration of the ordinance was deferred till next week.

By Mr. Walton:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
August 14, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

The petition of Sinnott & Adams, referred to me on the first of August, asks for a reduction of three dollars per day from the levee dues of the steamer Governor Allen, for the reason that last year they only paid two dollars per day.

The levee dues on all steamboats remaining in port more than five days are fixed by city ordinance at five dollars per day. An ordinance subsequently adopted granted the privilege to steamboats of occupying the wharves of the Fourth District, provided they were not needed for vessels, upon payment of two dollars per day. The Governor Allen was laid up at Thalia street, consequently does not come within the provisions of the above ordinance, and I see no reason why we should make a special case, and give her owners the benefit of it, at the expense of the city. To do so would establish a precedent which would inevitably bring upon us numerous claims for money paid in like circumstances.

I recommend that the petition be not granted.

JOHN S. WALTON, Administrator.

Mr. Remick explained that the parties in question had acted under a misapprehension, having applied to the Department of Commerce for permission, and having been misled by receipts in their possession of Mr. Waldo and Mr. Chadwick, former wharfingers, charging them at the rate of two dollars a day.

A resolution authorizing the settlement of the claim, at the rate of two dollars a day, was carried.

Mr. Walton said Nos. 67 and 72 on the calendar, referred to him, involved questions of law, with which he would rather not deal. He moved that the reference be changed to Administrator of Public Accounts.

Carried.

Mr. Lewis called up the ordinance granting permission to the Jackson railroad to run a smokeless dummy on St Joseph street, which was adopted.

By Mr. Remick:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
August 15, 1871.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

Having considered the petition of the president of the Sugar Shed Company, asking the approval of the Council of their proposition to suspend the building of sugar sheds on the spaces marked "C" and "F" on the plan for the erection of such sheds until certain litigation now pending is definitely settled, and deeming it unwise for the city to become further responsible for the embarrassment of the levee by becoming party to the wishes of the Sugar Shed Company, I respectfully suggest that said company should be required to rely upon whatever legal rights they may have, and therefore recommend that the approval asked be not granted.

F. C. REMICK, Administrator.

Adopted.

Mr. Bonzano called up a resolution for the relief of G. D. Conlon, which was adopted.

Mr. Lewis called up the following:

Be it ordained, That the New Orleans City Railroad Company be and is hereby authorized to remove their double track railroad on the Metairie road, from the new canal to the Bayou St. John, and in lieu thereof, to construct a good and substantial shellroad, thirty feet wide, according to specifications to be furnished by the City Surveyor, and subject to his approval and acceptance when finished, and to be free of any cost or expense to the city; in consideration of which the New Orleans City Railroad Company shall be released from that portion of its contract with the city of New Orleans requiring a double track railroad "down the Metairie road to the Bayou St. John bridge." The shellroad to be finished within the term of three months from the date of the passage of this ordinance; in default thereof, the city shall have the right to construct the road at the expense of the company.

Mr. Shaw said the whole question of the permanent status of Canal street in connection with this culverting, etc., would have to be taken up before long, and he suggested that all these matters had better be taken up and dealt with together.

Agreed to.

The Council then adjourned.

H. CONQUEST CLARKE,
Secretary.

LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Passed at the Third Session of the Forty-First Congress.

AN ACT to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its Road, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That John C. Fremont, James L. Alcorn, G. M. Dodge, O. C. French, John D. Caldwell, J. J. Noah, A. C. Osborne, Timothy Hurley, C. C. Pool, Silas N. Martin, John M. Corse, George E. Wentworth, Philip H. Morgan, J. D. Cameron, Marshal O. Roberts, James L. Hodges, John Ray, W. Vermilye, Enoch L. Faucher, Charles F. Livermore, Joseph H. Oglesby, John Whytock, Daniel Drew, F. S. Davis, W. Orton, A. C. Babcock, Thomas A. Scott, Samuel D. Hoffman, H. Ramsdale, William H. Jackson, R. C. Parsons, Delos W. Emmons, M. A. Southworth, John H. Hall, G. C. Kinzey, W. P. Clark, James Dart, H. Jacobs, L. T. Smith, W. P. Dole, C. A. Weed, A. P. K. Safford, H. McCullough, Charles Jackson, Elisha Dyer, Alfred Anthony, James Hoy, M. W. Benjamin, H. D. Cooke, Joseph R. West, W. S. Huntington, J. M. Tebbetts, C. C. Leondridge, D. D. Porter, M. Woodhull, Hiram Price, M. C. Hunter, W. T. Walters, J. B. Brownlow, T. A. Morris, Owen Tuller, J. H. Ledlie, R. M. Bishop, Samuel Craighead, D. N. Stanton, Augustus H. Whiting, G. L. Johnston, J. W. Goodland, Powell Clayton, Samuel Tate, W. Bolton, H. Robinson, George Maney, O. H. Bynum, M. Burns, J. C. Goodloe, E. G. Barney, Cyrus Bussey, J. W. Forney, J. Lockwood, E. M. Davis, N. Patton, W. Flanegan, G. O'Brien, G. P. Buel, G. H. Gidding, J. J. Newell, E. W. Rice, R. M. Shoemaker, Samuel Sloan, S. W. Morton, J. B. Bowman, L. M. Flournoy, J. J. Hinds, G. R. Weeks, J. T. Ludeling, B. C. Gilbert, R. D. Williams, Thomas Olcott, G. A. Fosdick, Harry Hays, P. S. Forbes, John T. Sprague, L. R. Marsh, A. W. Beckwith, J. C. Stanton, Cyrus H. Baldwin, A. J. Hamilton, Rush R. Sloan, Silas C. Colgrove, Samuel D. Jones, N. H. Decker, William N. Leet, F. E. Allen, J. B. Chaves, Augustus Kountze, John N. Goodwin, William S. Rosecrans