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REGULAR MEETING.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, July 16, 1872.

The Council met in regular session at noon, Mayor Benj. F. Flauders presiding. At roll call there were present: Administrators Alfred Shaw (Public Accounts), F. C. Remick (Commerce), and John S. Walton (Finance).

Mr. Shaw moved to adjourn. The motion found no second. The Fiscal Agency.

While the sergeant-at-arms went in search of the absent members, the Mayor laid before the Council the following communication:

LETTER FROM THE BANK OF NEW ORLEANS. To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of New Orleans. By a resolution of the board of directors of this bank adopted to-day I am instructed to inform you that the provisions of ordinance No. 1025, administrative series, entitled "An ordinance to vary into effect the provisions of the city funding bill, act No. 73, approved April 25, 1872," adopted July 9, 1872, are accepted by this bank, and in accordance with the terms thereof, said ordinance is considered a contract between the city of New Orleans and this bank.

W. VAN NORDEN, President Louisiana Savings Bank and Safe Deposit Company and Fiscal Agent of the city of New Orleans.

Administrators John Cochrane (Improvements), L. T. Delasalle (Waterworks and Public Buildings), James Lewis (Police) and H. Bonzano (Assessments) took their seats at the Council. The Mayor, commenting upon the communication just read, said surprise had been expressed that he had not voted the measure providing for this London syndicate after objecting to it on his first introduction. The explanation lay in the statement he had made last week, that being satisfied it would pass the Council in any case, he had compromised by procuring the insertion of such amendments as seemed to him best calculated to protect the interests of the city under the circumstances.

The communication was received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

Monthly Report.

Mr. Lewis presented his monthly report, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, July 16, 1872. I have the honor to submit the following report of this department for the month of June, 1872.

RECORDERS' COURTS.

Number of cases arranged before each recorder during the month:

Table with 2 columns: Recorder, Cases. First District: 909, Second District: 895, Third District: 115, Fourth District: 111, Fifth District: 48, Sixth District: 48.

Total: 2131

Of this number 53 were committed to the Parish Prison; 83 to the Workhouse, 133 to the District Court; 10 to the Insane Asylum, and 18 to the House of Refuge; 72 were released on peace bonds; 318 were fined; 994 were discharged, and 72 were miscellaneous disposed of by being committed, etc.

Table with 2 columns: District, Amount. First District: \$1121.00, Second District: 479.00, Third District: 115.00, Fourth District: 147.50, Fifth District: 93.50, Sixth District: 32.50.

Total: \$1988.50

EXPENDITURES.

Table with 2 columns: District, Amount. First District: \$673.33, Second District: 322.45, Third District: 633.33, Fourth District: 473.23, Fifth District: 27.25, Sixth District: 373.33.

Total: \$3044.63

CITY WORKHOUSE.

The average number of prisoners in this institution per day during the month was 85; number subsisted during the month, males, 1547; females, 3225.

Table with 2 columns: Expense, Amount. Pay rolls: \$698.31, Groceries and provisions: 610.08, Fuel: 184.75, Laundry: 38.29, Forage: 273.18, Lumber: 143.50.

Total: \$1858.02

BAKINGS.

As per work performed for other branches of the city, 2000 loaves were baked and removed to the hospital, and 21 burials.

BOYS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

The average number of inmates in this institution per day during the month was 118. The cost of subsistence for this number, and thirteen officers and employees, including bread furnished by themselves, was about twenty-three cents per day.

Table with 2 columns: Expense, Amount. Pay rolls: \$445.00, Groceries and provisions: 541.63, Flour for bakery: 384.00, Lumber for frames and workshouses: 108.93, Roofing workshop, hardware, etc.: 586.40.

Total: \$3519.00

BAKINGS.

By bread furnished other institutions, as follows: Boys' House of Refuge: \$908.34, City Workhouse: 164.91, Insane Asylum: 370.22, Home of Aged and Infirm: 19.32, Girls' House of Refuge: 39.79.

Total: \$743.51

GIRLS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

On the first day of June there were eighteen inmates in the institution. During

the month one was committed and one released.

Table with 2 columns: Expense, Amount. Pay rolls: \$75.00, Groceries, provisions, fresh beef and vegetables: 58.45, Fuel: 23.00, Laundry: 38.29, Forage: 273.18, Lumber: 143.50.

Total: \$173.45

CITY CEMETERIES.

The receipts from sales of lots and burials during the month amounted to \$413.

Table with 2 columns: Expense, Amount. Of the cash expenditures of this department for the month, which includes salaries and expenses of every character: Administrator's office: \$498.00, City Workhouse: 1753.02, Boys' House of Refuge: 3261.00, Girls' House of Refuge: 1793.45, City cemeteries: 30.00, Public pounds: 1229.90, Recorders' courts: 3454.08, Public accounts: 277.50, Burying indigent dead, etc.: 105.00, Lighting city: 20,967.36, Parish Prison, medical supplies: 54.25.

Total: \$32,995.16

JAMES LEWIS, Administrator.

Department Reports.

Mr. Lewis laid before the Council the following communication:

RECORDERS' COURTS, First District, New Orleans, July 16, 1872. Hon. James Lewis, Administrator of Police.

Sir—I have the honor to notify you of the appointment of Charles S. Randall as clerk of the First District Recorder's Court, dating from June 1, 1872.

From a want of familiarity with the manner in which the business of the department is conducted, I have delayed in notifying you of this appointment.

JAMES D. HOUSTON, Alternate Recorder First District, city of New Orleans.

Received and laid over.

By Mr. Walton: DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, July 16, 1872.

To the City Council of New Orleans: In accordance with official notice for the sale to the city of sixteen wharf improvement bonds, bids were opened by the Mayor and Administrator of Finance. The following, being the lowest, were accepted, and the same were awarded to:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. D. A. Blanchard, two at 67 1/2, D. A. Blanchard, four at 70 1/2, D. A. Blanchard, two at 71 1/2, J. LeSasser & Binder, three at 71 1/2.

JOHN S. WALTON, Administrator.

Financial Business.

Mr. Shaw called up the ordinance read twice last week, commencing J. T. Jackson, \$270, which, with some slight amendments, was adopted.

An ordinance for payment of the Louisiana Savings Bank, transferee of claims, commencing George Washington, \$75, read twice last week, was adopted.

An ordinance for the payment of expenses of the Department of Improvements, read twice last week, commencing W. A. Weed, \$64.30, was adopted.

An ordinance appropriating \$3076 to J. T. Hamlin, for repairs of five engine houses, read twice last week, was adopted, Mr. Shaw voting no.

An ordinance fixing the salary of the messenger of the City Attorney, read twice last week, was adopted.

By Mr. Shaw: An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

It is 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:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. D. J. Hitchcock, repairs to Poydras street: \$371.50, Page & Co., repairs to Canal street: 478.10, Joseph Oaks, banquettes intersections: 35.00, C. McCarty, banquettes intersections: 37.00, Charles Stoll, banquettes intersections: 21.00, E. L. Segond, banquettes intersections: 86.88, John Cox, banquettes intersections: 47.00, H. Exterstein, banquettes intersections: 37.00, Louis Hoffman, banquettes intersections: 36.00, M. Fauly, banquettes intersections: 39.00, J. C. McCarty, banquettes intersections: 54.00, C. McCarty, banquettes intersections: 51.00, James Oaks, banquettes intersections: 26.40, John W. Madden, stationery and blank: 152.00, Charlotte Cochrane, repairs to Canal street ballast: 281.25, Frank Marquez, lake shells: 330.50, J. Root, ballast: 228.00, R. G. Harris, ballast: 516.00, M. Condran, oyster shells and brick debris: 107.50, P. Carralart, oyster shells: 145.70, J. Lambert, repairing tools: 124.50, George C. Oliver, lumber: 1141.02, Governor & Terry, timber: 402.00.

Total: \$6,488.00

DRAINAGE.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Henry Oertling, lumber: \$355.98, Fred Kroes, lumber: 264.00, W. V. Carre & Co., lumber: 191.21, S. J. Field, Jr., coal: 139.00, Governor & Terry, timber: 210.10, J. W. Madden, stationery: 426.00, Thomas Hassan, lumber: 1,800.00.

Total: \$4,503.29

BOYS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

John W. Madden, stationery: \$110.50, 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 July, 1872.

It is 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 in the month of July, 1872, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts draw his warrants on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Theodore Danziger & Son, material for clothing for inmates: \$31.23, Charles Honore, for masonry work: 101.00, Barrett & Wiemann, hardware, tools, etc.: 439.80, Matthew Ward, handling effects of Boys' House of Refuge to the Girls' House of Refuge: 75.00, Amos Taylor, mason: 57.50.

Total: \$703.53

GIRLS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Louis Ruch, fresh beef for February: \$22.50, Louis Ruch, fresh beef for April: 15.00, Louis Ruch, fresh beef for May: 22.50, J. Nitsche, vegetables for June: 32.50.

John W. Madden, stationery and blanks: 164.75

Total: \$169.75

PARISH PRISON.

American Sanitary Association, under carbolic purifying powder: \$48.64, Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw: An ordinance providing for a settlement with W. Wat Devine, transferee of William Henry, for settling due, and assessing said property on State street, and assessing said property and fixing the amount and terms of assessments for which said property is liable, with the concurring assent of John S. Walton, Administrator of Finance.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the following assessments be made and levied according to section ten of act No. 1871, approved March 13, 1871, amending section twenty-five of act No. 7, extra session of 1870, approved March 16, 1870, and in conformity with the provisions of act No. 1871, extra session, and that street assessment bonds be delivered to W. Wat Devine, transferee of William Henry, in settlement of his claim, and that he execute a contract with William Henry, agreeably to resolution of the City Council No. 1017, Administration series; said bonds to be delivered at the rate of seventy-five cents per annum, in fulfillment of the terms of said contract; interest to run on the said assessments at the rate of seven and three-tenths per cent per annum from the date of Surveyor's certificate, and each said assessment shall be due and payable as follows:

The annual interest and one-tenth of the principal to be payable annually, to date from the date of the Surveyor's certificate; and each recurring date aforesaid the assessment for the year shall be due and exigible; to bear against the properties described of the persons named; and that the ordinance and assessments included, together with the concurring assent of the Administrator of Finance, be recorded in the municipal office of the city of New Orleans.

M. E. Fellows—North-east side of State street, between St. Charles avenue and Benjamin street, joining both streets, and measuring 543 feet.

John A. Peel—North-east side of State street, between St. Charles avenue and Green street, and measuring 543 feet.

J. W. Lavillebeuvre—North-east side of State street, between St. Charles avenue and Green street, and measuring 732 feet 10 inches front. Date of Surveyor's certificate December 7, 1871. Assessment \$344.92.

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J. W. Lavillebeuvre—North-east side of State street, between St. Charles avenue and Green street, and measuring 732 feet 10 inches front. Date of Surveyor's certificate December 7, 1871. Assessment \$1139.97.

M. E. Fellows—North-east side of State street, between St. Charles avenue and Green street, and measuring 276 feet front. Assessment \$429.33.

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Passed two readings.

By Mr. Shaw: An ordinance for the settlement of the claims of R. H. Short for reimbursement of taxes of 1863 and 1864, amounting to \$280 and cancel tax bill No. 37,786, for the year 1870, in the name of Edmund Woodridge. The balance of said claim, amounting to \$16.76 to be received for the taxes of R. H. Short for the year 1871.

A motion to amend by inserting a repealing clause, was adopted.

A motion to further amend by introducing a proviso that it was to be the property of the office, was offered by Mr. Walton and accepted by Mr. Shaw.

Eventually the ordinance was passed, but Mr. Walton gave notice of a motion to reconsider next week.

Mr. Delasalle asked the passage of an item of T. G. Gaylord & Co., water pipes, \$157.33, as a special order.

Mr. Lewis and Mr. Remick objected. Mr. Shaw suggested a proviso that it be paid out of the waterworks receipts.

Adopted. Mr. Remick and Mr. Lewis voting no.

By Mr. Shaw: An ordinance to provide for destruction by fire of certain bonds, city notes and blanks.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the Mayor and Administrator of Finance and the Recorder of the Fiscal Agency be authorized to cause to be destroyed by fire in their presence the following:

All ten per cent bonds on hand, whether blank or signed, of the issue of 1871, except such as may be retained for the purpose of the appropriations or contracts heretofore made, or the law authorizing their issue.

All one per cent bonds of the issue of 1870 which the treasury holds by transfer with subrogation.

All city notes, unless such as may find it necessary to keep, in liquidation on account of any existing claim or lawsuit.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, etc., That they shall make a strict detailed inventory of the bonds and notes so destroyed, whether signed or in blank; and shall accompany the same with a process verbal of their acts and doings under this ordinance, which shall be communicated to the Council and published in its proceedings.

Passed two readings.

By Mr. Shaw: An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

It is 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:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. New Orleans Times, advertising for Department of Public Accounts: \$150.00, J. Root, ballast: 228.00, R. G. Harris, ballast: 516.00, M. Condran, oyster shells and brick debris: 107.50, P. Carralart, oyster shells: 145.70, J. Lambert, repairing tools: 124.50, George C. Oliver, lumber: 1141.02, Governor & Terry, timber: 402.00.

Total: \$2,674.75

General Business.

By Mr. Shaw: An ordinance authorizing the settlement of certain "blue" Metropolitan Police warrants.

It is ordained, That the Administrator of Public Accounts is authorized and directed to issue to Messrs. J. L. & E. H. Levy a warrant receivable for licenses, and on account for taxes for the eighteen-nineteenths of which the Metropolitan Police warrants:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Warrants Nos. 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723 and 724, all dated September 21, 1869, in favor of John D. Madden, for stationery furnished in the month of July, 1869, amounting to \$768.31, of which the eight-nineteenths is \$327.88.

Warrants Nos. 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, all dated September 30, 1869, in favor of John W. Madden, for stationery furnished in the month of July, 1869, amounting to \$833.45, of which the eight-nineteenths is \$336.95.

Warrants No. 812, 813, 814, 815 and 816, all dated September 30, 1869, in favor of John W. Madden, for stationery furnished in the month of September, 1869, amounting to \$581.65, of which the eight-nineteenths is \$281.59.

Warrant No. 772, dated October 5, 1869, in favor of K. Stolberger, cab hire in September, \$33, eight-nineteenths of which is \$15.98.

Warrant No. 811, dated October 26, 1869, in favor of Commercial Bulletin newspaper, \$18, eight-nineteenths of which is \$15.90.

Total: \$2,674.75

The Mayor asked if there was any visible end to the presentation or the fabrication of these blue warrants.

Mr. Remick moved that the ordinance be postponed.

The motion to postpone was carried, Mr. Shaw voting "no."

The ordinance was then passed to a second reading and laid over.

A claim of J. T. Hamlin, \$6255, for erecting a market house in the Sixth District, was passed to a second reading.

By Mr. Cochrane: An ordinance for the settlement of the claims of J. H. Irvin, for 482 burials, at the rate of \$1.50 per burial, No. 1278, Administration series, \$723.00.

The Mayor urged the abolition of the office of assessor.

The position had always been a sinecure and the last appointment made had resulted in the mutilation and destruction of the archives.

The suggestion to abolish the office did not prevail.

The Mayor said if the Council insisted on retaining the office he would take care to appoint some one who would look after the archives and bestow his whole time upon his duties.

By Mr. Remick: DEPARTMENT OF CONGRESS, July 16, 1872. To the City Council of New Orleans: I report favorably on the petition of John C. Weems, who asks for permission to erect and operate a steam engine on lot No. 147 between St. Charles and St. Louis and Notre Dame streets, for the purpose of cleaning moss, and respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to John C. Weems to erect and operate a steam engine on lot No. 147 between St. Charles and St. Louis and Notre Dame streets, for the purpose of cleaning moss, for the purpose of cleaning moss; provided that this permission is revocable at the pleasure of the City Council of New Orleans.

Adopted. By Mr. Remick: DEPARTMENT OF CONGRESS, July 16, 1872. To the City Council of New Orleans: Messrs. R. H. Benners & Co.'s petition for the privilege of running a four-horse steam engine in their premises, No. 56 Camp street, is recommended that their petition be granted, and respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That permission is hereby granted to Messrs. R. H. Benners & Co. to erect and operate a steam engine on their premises, at No. 56 Camp street, for the purpose of running their printing press; provided that this permission is revocable at the pleasure of the City Council of New Orleans.

Adopted. By Mr. Bonzano: Resolved, That upon payment of \$12 (one-half the tax), and all costs, the Administrator of Finance is hereby directed to cancel the judgment No. 489, rendered in the Second District Court, against Moses Lobe, for the tax of 1870 on property situated in the eleventh assessment district, sold by said Lobe to the First Presbyterian Church, No. 29, 1870, and exempt from taxation after that date.

Adopted. By Mr. Bonzano: Resolved, That the Administrator of Public Accounts is hereby directed to cancel tax bill No. 11,804, against the First Presbyterian Church for 1871, amounting to \$33, and to issue a warrant for the same.

The property (square No. 120, eleventh assessment district) being used for church purposes is exempt from taxation.

Adopted. A communication from merchants, urging the necessity of railroad communication between the grain elevator and the various railroads, was referred to the Administrator of Commerce.

A petition for lights in the Second District Fruit Market was referred to the Administrator of Police.

A petition for a floating bath ordinance was referred to the Administrator of Commerce.

A tax petition of Sampson Brothers was referred to the Administrator of Finance.