

ings Board of Aldermen

Opelousas, La., Sept. 5th, 1911. The Board of Aldermen met in regular session; present: M. Halphen, Mayor, presiding; Aldermen Blacksher, Danel, Dietlein, and Loeb. Absent: Mr. Larcade. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

On motion of Mr. Loeb, duly seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion duly seconded and carried the regular order of business was dispensed with and parties having business to present to the Board were heard.

Motion by Mr. Danel—

That the tax collector be and he is hereby authorized to dismiss the suit instituted against Mr. P. T. Blacksher for license to conduct a market for the year 1911, for the reason that Mr. Blacksher appeared before the Board of Aldermen and announced his intention to pay whatever license may be charged against him, under the ordinance of this City for conducting a market. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Opelousas, La., Sept. 5, 1911. To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana.

Gentlemen: I hereby file my application for a permit to move the one-story frame building, covered on all sides and roof with galvanized iron, at present situated in the rear of the store building lately occupied by Mr. J. B. A. Stagg as a dry goods store, in the square bounded by Bellevue, Landry, Main and Court streets, from its present situation near the center of said square, in a congested area, to a point in the same square and to the vacant lot of the Opelousas National Bank, facing on the north side of Landry Street.

While this building is in the fire limits, its removal from its present location in a congested portion of the square, closely surrounded by frame buildings, to another part of the same square where there will be an open street in front of it and vacant lots on each side, will reduce instead of increase the fire risk, both as to the building in question and as to other portions of the square.

Should you grant this request, I intend to secure the building from its owner and move it to the location suggested, and there operate a high-class theatre and moving picture show which cannot but benefit your town and its people and afford them increased facilities for amusement and recreation. I expect to make arrangements to locate here permanently and become a citizen of your town, and to aid in its improvement and development, and I therefore trust that you will see your way clear to grant my request; especially as I am informed that it has been your practice to grant similar privileges to other citizens where the removal of the building in question was merely from one portion of a square in the fire limits to another portion of the square to which its moving did not increase the fire risk.

Respectfully submitted, WM. F. NOLAN.

In my opinion the removal of the building referred to above, as contemplated, will reduce instead of increase the fire risk as stated in the above application.

A. L. LACOMBE, ESTORGE & DUNBAR, LEONARD S. ISACKS.

Motion by Mr. Danel— That the application of Mr. Nolan, to move a building within the fire limits, be received, and that he be granted a permit to move the said building as specified in the above application. Motion duly seconded and carried.

The action of the Board of Aldermen is not approved by the City Attorney for the expressed reason that the ordinance defining the fire limits, does not permit of the constructing of a corrugated iron building within the fire limits, and for the further reason that there is an express ordinance, adopted Dec. 6th, 1905, recorded in Ordinance Book No. 1, page 212, prohibiting the removal of a building from one part of a lot to another.

Motion by Mr. Loeb— That the motion by which the permit of Mr. W. F. Nolan, for moving a building in the fire limit, was granted, be reconsidered. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Motion by Mr. Loeb— That the Mayor be directed to take action against all persons who shall violate the fire ordinance of this city. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Motion by Mr. Loeb— That every police officer of the city be required to report to the Mayor all violations of the fire limit ordinance and that the Mayor on acquiring such information shall direct the City At-

torney to proceed against all violations of this ordinance. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Motion by Mr. Danel—

That the Board of Aldermen be appointed as a committee of the whole to draw a sum of money sufficient to pay the back salaries of the power plant employees. Motion duly seconded and carried.

AN ORDINANCE No. 14—1911.

To prohibit the roaming at large of hogs and geese within the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas, La., and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, La., that hereafter it shall be unlawful for hogs and geese to roam at large within the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas, La.

Section 2. Be it further ordained, etc., that for each hog found roaming at large within the corporate limits of the city, the officer impounding such hogs shall receive the sum of seventy-five cents, to be paid by the owner of such hog; and in default of the payment of said impounding fee the hogs shall be sold, after advertisement in the official journal of the city one publication, and all costs deducted from the avails of such sale, the balance, if any, to be paid to the owner of the hogs, so impounded and sold. In like manner shall geese roaming at large be impounded and sold, if the owner thereof shall default in the payment of the impounding fee, hereby fixed at 25 cents for each head of geese.

Section 3. Be it further ordained, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Be it further ordained, etc., that for good and sufficient reasons this ordinance shall take effect from and after its first publication in the official journal of the City.

Adopted September 5th 1911. M. HALPHEN, Mayor. Attest: J. B. A. STAGG, Clerk.

The above ordinance, offered by Mr. Danel, after having been read section by section, and adopted in like manner, was unanimously adopted as a whole.

On motion duly seconded and carried the meeting of the Board of Aldermen was adjourned to Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1911, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

M. HALPHEN, Mayor. Attest: J. B. A. STAGG, Clerk.

Opelousas, La., Sept., 6, 1911: The Board of Aldermen met pursuant to adjournment. Present: M. Halphen, Mayor, presiding; Aldermen Blacksher, Danel, Dietlein, Loeb and Larcade.

All the members being present the meeting was called to order. On motion duly seconded and carried, the regular order of business was taken up.

Opelousas, La., Sept., 1, 1911. To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana.

Gentlemen: I beg to report that I have collected during the month of Aug., 1911, water and light dues amounting to eleven hundred and seventy-eight and 75-100 dollars (\$1178.75). I have also collected the sum of seventy-eight and 80-100 dollars (\$78.85), from the Morgan Louisiana and Texas Railroad Co., as a refund for freight on machinery for the Power Plant, the total amount of the above collections aggregating the sum of \$1257.60, was turned over to the Treasurer said amount on the first day of September, 1911.

I beg to report further that the following is the balance shown in the accounts of the various current funds: Fine Funds - 75.15 Market Funds - 164.90 License Funds - 76.77 Power Plant - 198.73 Power Plant, Improvement Account - 162.61

Respectfully submitted, J. B. A. STAGG, City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Danel duly seconded and carried the report of J. B. A. Stagg, Clerk, was received as read.

Opelousas, La., Sept. 5, 1911. To the Hon. Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen: I herewith tender you my report of collections for the month ending Aug. 31st, 1911, as follows: Fines - 72.50 Stock Fines - 2.00 Market dues - 100.00 Licenses for 1911 - 65.00 Interest - 5.00

Respectfully submitted C. L. HAYES, City Tax Collector.

Statement furnished to the City of Opelousas, La., by J. J. Perrodin, City Treasurer, month ending Sept. 1, 1911:

Table with columns for date, description, and amount. Includes entries for balance on hand, cash received from C. L. Hayes, sundries for streets, etc.

By sundry warrants paid since last report and hereto annexed as per list attached - \$1652.42

By sundry receipts for Colorado Southern, New Orleans and Pacific R. R. taxes returned and here annexed as per list attached - 720 \$ 1659.62

Balance on hand Sept. 1st, 1911 - \$ 3788.14

Respectfully submitted, J. J. PERRODIN, City Treasurer.

On motion, duly seconded and carried— The report of J. J. Perrodin, City Treasurer, after having been read, was referred to the Finance Committee, and examined and found correct, and was received and accepted and the treasurer ordered to be credited with the sum of \$1652.42 and voucher for said amount ordered cancelled.

Opelousas, La., Sept. 1, 1911. To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City of Opelousas.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit you my report for the month of July, 1911:

Table with columns for revenue, expenses, and total. Includes entries for revenue from lights, water, material and labor, and expenses for salaries, extra labor, fuel oil, etc.

Total - \$1,261.48

Loss for the month - \$ 206.83

I beg to inform you that we need street lamp material. Respectfully submitted, ARMAS DURIO, Supt.

On motion duly seconded and carried the report of A. Durio, Superintendent were received as read.

Motion by Mr. Blacksher— That the City Attorney be instructed to institute proceedings against L. S. Isacks, for \$50.92 and interest, T. H. Lewis, \$290.02 and interest, R. M. Little, \$472.63 and interest, O. G. & N. E. R. Co., \$3.60 and interest, for amount due on account of sidewalk construction, as per ordinance adopted June 25, 1909. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Motion by Mr. Dietlein— That the Superintendent of the Power Plant be authorized to purchase a water heater for the Power Plant, and the Mayor be authorized to issue a certificate of indebtedness for the payment of same, said certificate to be payable on the first day of February, 1912, to bear 6 per cent interest from date of issuance until paid, and payable out of the first available funds. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Houston, Texas, Aug. 26, 1911. To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen, of the City of Opelousas, La.

Gentlemen: Your petitioner, the Mackay Telegraph and Cable Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and engaged in a commercial telegraph business throughout the United States and Canada and Ocean Cables to all the world, is now extending its lines between Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Houston, Texas, along and upon the right of way of the Frisco Railroad Company, and we hereby make application to your Honorable body for a franchise in and through the City of Opelousas.

We also enclose our regular form of ordinance for your consideration, and we hope for your approval and your petitioners will ever pray, etc. THE MACKAY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE CO. By B. S. Price, Superintendent of Construction.

Motion by Mr. Dietlein— That the petition of the Mackay Telegraph and Cable Co., for a franchise, be received and referred to the City Attorney. Motion duly seconded and carried.

Opelousas, La., Sept. 5, 1911. To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen: We are building a track from Frisco R. R. to our place of business and hereby ask you to kindly grant us permission to cross Court St. Thanking you in advance, we are,

Yours very truly, VENTRE BROS.

Motion by Mr. Dietlein— That the petition of Ventre Bros., for a permit to run a railroad switch across Court St., be received and referred to the City Engineer. Motion duly seconded and carried.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the City Clerk was authorized to issue warrants against the various current funds in payment of the following approved claims:

Table with columns for name, description, and amount. Includes entries for J. R. Guidry, C. L. Hayes, Cumberland Tel Co., J. B. Sandoz, etc.

Shute Drugstore, medicine for indigent - 5.05

Aaron Jacobs, rent for jail for July and Aug. - 14.00

Dietlein & Jacobs, feed for street mules - 69.00

St. Landry Lumber Co., lumber, etc., for plant - 138.26

St. Landry Lumber Co., lumber, etc., for streets - 28.32

St. Landry Clarion, publishing minutes, e. t. c., July - 117.00

St. Landry Clarion, publishing minutes, e. t. c., August - 12.75

J. B. A. Stagg, Clerk, cash paid for stamps for office - 1.25

F. L. Sandoz, corn for st. mules - 56.65

F. L. Sandoz, sundries for jail - 5.20

On motion duly seconded and carried, the meeting of the Board of Aldermen was adjourned subject to call.

M. HALPHEN, Mayor. Attest: J. B. A. STAGG, City Clerk.

Received the above notice on the 8th day of Sept., 1911, and on the same day and date I notified all the members of the Board of Aldermen in person.

C. L. HAYES, Marshal.

Opelousas, La., Sept. 8th, 1911. The Board of Aldermen met pursuant to the above call: Present: M. Halphen, Mayor, presiding; Aldermen: Blacksher, Danel, Dietlein, Loeb and Larcade; all the members being present, the meeting was called to order.

Resolution authorizing the purchase of 15 feet of ground from Mr. E. M. Boagni: Resolution offered by Mr. Danel—

Resolved, That the Mayor be given full power to purchase or lease fifteen feet of ground on the south side of the Power Plant, from Mr. E. M. Boagni, the purchase price not to exceed \$250.00 and the lease price not to exceed \$18.00 per annum, adopted July 22nd, 1911.

I hereby certify that the above to be a true and correct copy. (signed) J. B. A. STAGG, City Clerk.

Description of the lot of ground, and condition of sale, presented to this Board for ratification: A certain strip of ground situated in the City of Opelousas, La., having a front of fifteen feet on the west side of Railroad Avenue, and running west from said avenue between parallel lines to the right-of-way of the Morgan La. and Texas Railroad; bounded north by the south line of Block Street, south by the property of the vendor herein, east by said Railroad Avenue, and west by the right-of-way of the Morgan La. and Texas Railroad.

This sale is made upon this condition, to-wit: That the eight feet of ground lying next to the property of the vendor herein, and being the southern eight feet of the property herein sold, is to be maintained and used as a passage way only. In other words that no building or construction of any kind will be allowed to be put upon said southern eight-foot strip of ground.

The vendor herein abandons and quits claims to and in favor of the City of Opelousas; any claims to damages, if any he has, as against the City of Opelousas growing out of or arising from the closing of that portion of Block Street, between Railroad Avenue and the right-of-way of the Morgan La. and Texas Railroad.

Resolution by Mr. Danel— That, whereas, Mayor Halphen reported that in obedience to the resolution of date of 22d July, 1911, he purchased from Edward M. Boagni, on August 1st, 1911, as per act of sale passed before John H. Harman-

son, Notary Public, fifteen feet of ground, on the south side of Power Plant, for two hundred and fifty and 00-100 dollars, said amount being represented by the vote of the City of Opelousas, payable one year after its date to the order of Edward M. Boagni, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from date, with the usual Attorney's fee clause fixed at ten per cent, and secured by special mortgage and vendor's lien and privilege upon the property sold; now, therefore be it,

Resolved, That the said act of sale be accepted and ratified. Seconded by Dietlein.

Yeas: Danel and Dietlein. Nays: Loeb, Blacksher and Larcade.

Mr. Danel's resolution lost by a vote of two (2) for and three (3) against.

Opelousas, La., Sept. 8, 1911. To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, La.

Gentlemen: I am directed by Mr. E. M. Boagni to request that you remove, at once, from his property situated near the City Power Plant, such property as you may have thereon, including the smoke stack recently constructed thereon.

Trusting that this request will be complied with, I am, Very respectfully, (signed) DUDLEY L. GUILBEAU, Attorney for Mr. E. M. Boagni.

On motion duly seconded and carried the meeting of the Board of Aldermen was adjourned subject to call.

M. HALPHEN, Mayor. Attest: J. B. A. STAGG, City Clerk.

Opelousas, La., Sept., 8th, 1911. To the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana.

Gentlemen: You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of your Honorable Board this evening, Friday Sept., 8th, 1911, at 8:00 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of acting on the purchase of fifteen feet of ground from Mr. E. M. Boagni, for the use of the Power Plant, and to consider and act on any matter relative to same.

M. HALPHEN, Mayor. Attest: J. B. A. STAGG, City Clerk.

Franklin is making preparations to entertain a large crowd to-morrow, when the Military Companies of Lafayette, Breaux Bridge and Opelousas will participate in a sham battle there. Excursions will be run for the occasion.

Company C will leave for "the field of battle" to-morrow on the Southern Pacific excursion, which will leave here at 6:30 a. m.

A special to the New Orleans Item from Franklin says: Franklin, La., Sept. 11.—The militia of the towns of Opelousas, Breaux Bridge and Lafayette have accepted invitations to give a sham battle here Sept. 17, at which time an excursion will be run by the Southern Pacific from Lake Charles and way stations to Franklin. It will also run excursions on its Houma and Thibodaux branches and on Cypremont branch. In conjunction with these excursions the Franklin and Abbeville railroad will also run an excursion into Franklin on that day. The Breaux Bridge military band will also be in attendance and efforts are now being made to have it arrive on an earlier train than the excursionists. A good programme has been arranged under the auspices of the Franklin Retail Merchants association, consisting of base ball, free dancing and other amusements. Preparations are now being completed to handle a large crowd, good weather prevailing.

Back to Nature. ELLIS HAYES.

A hen is not supposed to have Much common sense or tact Yet every time she lays an egg She cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot Of intellect to show, But none the less most roosters have Enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts, Has a persistent way Of letting folks know he's around By his insistent bray.

The buoy little bees they buzz, Bulls bellow and cows moo, The watchdogs bark, the ganders quack, And doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks, Pigs squeal and robins sing, And even serpents know enough To hiss before they sting.

But man, the greatest masterpiece, That nature could devise, Will often stop and hesitate Before he'll advertise.

—The Advertising World.

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FRANKLIN EXPECTS TO ENTERTAIN A LARGE CROWD Military Companies of Several Cities Will Participate In Sham Battle There To-Morrow. Franklin is making preparations to entertain a large crowd to-morrow, when the Military Companies of Lafayette, Breaux Bridge and Opelousas will participate in a sham battle there.

ICE--COLD RED--HOT ICY--HOT BOTTLES Pints in Blue Tins \$1.25. Pints in Nickel Plate \$2.00. Quarts in Nickel Plate \$3.00. Quarts in Leather Cover \$4.00 to \$6.00. Carrying Cases all Leather \$2.50 to \$10.00. FOR SALE AT Shute's Drug Store "THE REXALL STORE" Opelousas Louisiana Mail orders will be appreciated

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