Regular Meeting Friday, April 3rd, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas

The City Council met in regular session at 7-30 p.m. Friday, April 3rd, 1891. Present: Mayor Richard Caples and the following Aldermen: M. B. Davis, J. P. Dieter, Dan Kelly, J. W. Magoffin, W. B. Merrick, Louis Papin and Adolph Solomon, 7 Absent, none. One Vacancy in the 3d ward.

The minutes of the last regular meeting March 27th, and the adjourned meeting of March 28th 1891, were read and approved.

Assessor and Collector Merrill submitted the following reports which were referred to the Finance Com.

Statement of Collections for March, 1891.

Special Taxes.

Special Fund,	Occupation licenses, $482.25; Dog licenses $7.50 =	489 75				
Sewer Fund,	Sewer permits,	5 .	494	75		
	Less 5% Commission		24	74	470	01

Settlement by Treasurer's receipt No. 280 $470.01

Z. F. Merrill Assessor & Coll

No. 2. **Collections from Rolls of 1890. to Apr. 1.**

Fund.	Gross March Collections	Net Collections for March	Gross Collections Already Reported	Net Collections Already Reported
General fund.	12802 52	12162 40	12802 52	12162 40
School fund.	3556 21	3378 40	3556 21	3378 40
Street Improvement fund.	711 16	675 60	711 16	675 60
Street Maintenance fund.	711 16	675 60	711 16	675 60
El Paso Water Works Bond fund, Sinking & Interest. (Artesian)	711 16	675 60	711 16	675 60
Public School Bonds, Sinking and Interest fund	711 16	675 60	711 16	675 60
Sewer Bonds Sinking and Interest fund.	711 16	675 60	711 16	675 60
Funded Indebtedness Bonds Sinking and Interest fund	426 95	405 60	426 95	405 60
Sewer extension and Maintenance.	711 16	675 60	711 16	675 60
Settlement by Treasurer's receipt No. 279 (C.W. Passett Treas.)	21052 64	20000 00	21052 64	20000 00

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City Attorney Clark submitted the following report which was read:

El Paso, Texas, April 3rd, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: Your City Atty begs leave to submit the following report:

First: Since the last meeting of the Council Ex policemen R. B. Stevens and John B. Saunders have each instituted suit against the city to recover salary of $75.00 per month from the time they were discharged by a resolution of the city council declaring its want of confidence. Mr Wyndham Kemp has also instituted suit for recovery of damages by reason of the grading of Magoffin Avenue. A. O. Foster and Waters Davis have each entered suit against the city for salary for the time that Allen Blacker and Wm. M. Coldwell discharged the duties, respectively, of City Recorder and City Attorney, in 1889. As City Attorney I recommend that I be instructed to defend all of said suits.

Second: I herewith report for your approval the contract herewith annexed, and heretofore authorized between the City of El Paso and the El Paso Street Railway Company. I recommend it be adopted by the council.

Third: I also submit, with my approval, the deed of J. H. Hampson to lot 15, Block 44 of Satterthwaite's Addition, for the erection of a Hose Cart House, as heretofore recommended by the Fire Department. The deed is in due form and I recommend its acceptance.

Fourth: City Ordinance No. 28, "Relative to the carrying of Arms", was, to day, upon an Ex Parte proceeding in Habaes Corpus, at the instance of one H. J. McMurray, held by County Judge Blacker to be a valid ordinance. Since the relator has, unsuccessfully contested the validity of this ordinance, and I, anticipating his application to your Honorable body for a reduction of fine, as your City Attorney, hereby enter my protest, and ask that you allow the fine to remain as it is.

Respectfully Submitted. Leigh Clark, City Atty.

In accordance with the first recommendation the City Attorney was instructed to defend the City in the suits named.

The following resolution in reference to purchase of property from Jos. Hampson was introduced by Alderman Davis and referred to the Mayor, City Atty and City Clerk with power to act

No. 7. **Resolved** by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That the deed of J. H. Hampson to the City of El Paso, to lot No. 15 in Block No. 44, Satterthwaite's Addition, be, and the same is hereby accepted, and that the mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of Mr Hampson for $400.00 in payment of the purchase money for said lot.

The following contract reported by the City Attorney was read and accepted:

State of Texas }
El Paso County } This contract and agreement made and entered into this, the 11th day of March, 1891, by and between the City of El Paso, a municipal corporation, acting herein by its duly authorized City Attorney, party of the first part, and the El Paso Street Railway Company, a private corporation, party of the second part,

Witnesseth: That, Whereas the said party of the first part has heretofore granted to the party of the second part, the right of way for its railway over Oregon Street from its intersection with San Antonio street to its intersection with Missouri street, and Whereas, the said party of the second part has ceased to operate its said railway between the points and over the streets above named, but its said track is still on said street, and Whereas, the said party of the first part has ordered that the said track be removed on the following conditions: The said party of the second part will remove said track within thirty days from this date; but the said City of El Paso agrees hereby that it will allow the said Street railway company

to replace the same at any time within Five Years from this date, should it so desire: provided that it, at any time during said five years the City Council of said city shall order said Street Railway Company to relay said track and operate and run its cars over the same, and the said party of the second part being so notified, shall for six months thereafter fail, or refuse to comply with said order, then the Right of Way of the said Street Railway Company shall be and is hereby revoked, and the City Council may grant the right of way over the street to whomsoever it may prefer

In testimony whereof the parties hereto have this day set their hands and seals.

(Signed) City of El Paso, by Leigh Clark, City Attorney.
(Do) Joseph Magoffin, President Street Railway Co.

Sewer Commissioner McClennon reported that with the approval of the mayor he had employed a man to run the Sewer Pump engines at a salary of $2.60 per day, commencing March 29, 1891.

The action of the Sewer Commissioner was approved.

The Ordinance Committee was granted further time to report on Fire limit Ordinance.

The Streets and Grades Committee, Chairman Solomon, reported in favor of extending the time for completing the sidewalk contract of J. E. Terry, subject to the City Engineers order.

The following bid of Terry to construct sidewalks was reported favorable and accepted.

El Paso, Texas, March 27, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen: In accordance with advertisement published in the El Paso Daily Times under date of March 17th, 1891, I hereby make the following bid to repair Mesa Avenue sidewalks from Missouri Street to Wyoming Street.

2080 square feet of kerb and gravel sidewalks, at 5 cents per square foot. Curbing, 10 cts per running foot.

J. E. Terry.

The following bid of S. W. Sowers to furnish teams, wagons and drivers was reported favorable and accepted

To the Hon. City Council.

El Paso, Texas, March 27th, 1891.

Gentlemen: I will furnish teams and drivers as per your advertisement of March 27th, at the following prices

2 horse teams wagon and driver, per day $3 00
If extra wagon is needed " " 50

(signed) S. W. Sowers.

The Finance Committee reported the following bills favorably.

Name	No	Purpose	Fund	Amt.
E. P. Lowe	1118	Printing & pub. proclamation	General	1 70
El Paso Gas. Elect. Lgt & Power Co	1120	36 Arc lamps for Feb. 1891.	"	468 00
" " "	1121	" " Mar. "	"	468 00
Buchanan & Powers	1122	Raising City Scales.	"	20 "
J. C. Nimberly.	1123	Asst'g City Eng.	"	57 "
Phil. Millspaugh.	1124	" " "	"	38 "
H. F. Stacy	1125	Scavenger work, February	"	33 33
	1126	" " March	"	30 25
El Paso Water Co.	1127	Water used on San Antonio Street plaza.	"	170 77
	1128	Rent of Fire Hydrants to March 31st.	"	935 "
Times Publishing Co.	1129	Printing, Assrs Dept.	"	37 25
" "	1130	" Ordinances and resolutions	"	62 80
	1131	" City Engs Dept.	"	2 97
Geo. E. Bovee	1132	Expense a/c City Clerk	"	10 07
D. McKenzie.	1133	April rent of City Hall.	"	223 98
Herald News Co.	1134	Publishing election proclamation.	"	11 70
Berla and Co.	1135	Plumbing at City Hall.	"	7 75
W. H. Yandell	1136	Expense account.	"	6 "
Mrs W. K. Kinasbury	1137	375 meals to prisoners in March 1891.	"	75 "
El P. Gas. Elec. Lgt & Power Co.	1138	Gas for City Hall for March 1891.	"	27 52
W. K. Watts.	1139	Allowance for labor in Park	"	60 "
Chas. E. Prim	1140	400 Grade stakes. City Engineer	"	12 75
Wm. Brooks.	1141	" "	"	11 "
Gaston and Newell	1142	Inversions - pest house.	"	14 65
Beverly Thomas	1143	Recording contract.	"	2 "
Chas. W. Parsell	1144	Expense a/c City Treas.	"	9 50
Sex. Print. & Lith. Co.	1146	printing Water Works bonds.	"	35 "
Kenny Benske	1146	Supplies Pest House	"	3 25
Geo. D. Barnard	1147	Stationery	"	6 75
G. Hudson	135	Street work, week ends April 4th	St. Maintenance	18 "
E. B Payne	136	Sprinkling around Plaza Feby. and March, 1891.	" "	20 "
Kenny Benske	137	Supplies for Street Comrs Dept.	" "	11 50
M. C. McClennon	142	Sewer Work, Week ending April 4th.	Sewer	58 50
H. P. Hoxsey	143	Blacksmithing for Sewer Dept.	"	36 50
Kenny Benske	144	Supplies Sewer Dept.	"	86 85
		Total.		3070 24

The report was approved and warrants ordered in payment of the amounts due.

The Fire and Water and Street Lighting Committee, Chairman Dicker, presented the

Regular Meeting, Friday, April 3d. 1891. Continued.

following agreement between the El Paso Gas, Electric Light & Power Company and the City of El Paso

State of Texas, County of El Paso. } It is hereby agreed, by and between the El Paso Gas, Electric Light and Power Co. and the City of El Paso, as follows: First: That the said first party hereby agrees that in presenting its bid for electric light service that the payment of said bill by the City Council shall not be construed as an acceptance of the location of said Electric Lights, unless the same are located as heretofore provided by the contract between said parties, and directed by the committee on Electric Lights, the location of said lights to be examined and accepted or rejected within sixty days from this date — and unless said locations are accepted or rejected within said time, then the present locations to be accepted. (Signed) El Paso Gas Electric Lgt. Co. V. T. White Prest

The committee reported favorably upon the petition of W. S. McCutcheon and others for Sewer Extension, presented to the Council March 20th. 1891.

The report was approved and the Sewer Extension ordered.

The City Engineer was authorized to purchase the necessary supply of Sewer pipe.

The Acequia Committee, Chairman Merrick, presented the following petition from J. Schwingle:

El Paso, Texas, April 3d. 1891.

To the Hon. City Council,

Gentlemen: I beg to ask your Honorable body to re consider the recommendation of the Acequia Committee in reference to the payment of Mr Sweeney's private flume by the property owners of that block. I have no use for said flume, and therefore consider it unjust that I should pay any part thereof

(Signed) J. Schwingle.

The petition was referred to the Acequia Committee.

Bills and Communications.

The payroll of the Sewer Commissioner, amounting to $58.50, and that of the Street Commissioner for $18.00 were read and approved.

A protest from Sam Hing withdrawing his name from the petition to improve San Antonio St. was read and ordered filed. A petition from A. L. Roy asking extension of time on his contracts was referred to the Streets & Grades Committee.

A petition from H. C. Paulsen complaining that his Street number had been appropriated by another firm in the same business, was read and referred to the Building Committe with power to act.

New Business.

The following Ordinance, prepared by the City Attorney, was read and adopted" with the consent of two thirds of all the aldermen elected", by the following vote: Yeas: Davis, Kelly, Magoffin, Merrick, Papin and Solomon, 6. Nays, Alderman Dieter, 1. One vacancy in the 3d Ward.

No. 37.

An Ordinance

Levying a Special Tax on all Lots and pieces of Ground to the Center of each Block Fronting on South Leon Street, from San Francisco Street to Second Street.

Section 1: Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that a special tax of Eight hundred and fifty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents, ($858.25) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling South Leon street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of every block fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said South Leon street, so improved, from San Francisco street to Sonora street.

Section 2: Be it further ordained that a special tax of two hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty four cents, ($223.84) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling South Leon street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of every block fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said South Leon street, so improved, from Sonora street to West Overland street.

Section 3: Be it further orddained that a special tax of seven hundred and sixty-one dollars and four cents ($761.04) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling South Leon street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of every block fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said South Leon street, so improved, from West Overland street to Second Street.

Section 4: Be it further ordained that such taxes shall be due and payable from and after the passage of this ordinance, and if not paid within thirty days after such date, the same shall have added thereto a penalty of ten per cent, and shall bear interest from the day of sale at the rate of twenty-five per centum per annum, to be computed on the tax, penalty and costs, as provided by Article 141 of the City Charter.

Section 5: Be it further ordained that this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Alderman Davis presented the following resolution which was adopted:

No. 8. Resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That the El Paso and Rio Grande Railroad Company; the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company be requested to have placed and to maintain three Electric lights on their respective reservations, and that the City Clerk be instructed to notify said companies of this action of the council.

Regular Meeting, Friday, April 3d, 1891. Continued.

The bids of H. G. Powers, S. S. Sanger, J. B. Payne, Smith and Briggs, The El Paso Water Company and H. S. Ely, for Street Sprinkling were opened, read and referred to the Streets & Grades Committee.

The Streets and Grades Committee was directed to consider the matter of finishing Second Street with concrete, the same as Magoffin Avenue, instead of Adobe dirt or clay.

There being no further business the Council Adjourned.

Approved,

Richard Caples Mayor.

G. E. Bovee City Clerk.

Regular Meeting, Friday, April 10th, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council was called to order by Mayor Caples at 7-30 p. m. Friday, April 10th, 1891.

For want of a quorum the council adjourned.

Approved

Richard Caples Mayor.

G. E. Bovee City Clerk.

Special Meeting, Monday, April 13th, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met pursuant the following call of the mayor at 1 o'clock p. m. Monday, April 13th, 1891:

Mayor's Office, El Paso, Tex., April 13, 1891

To M. B. Davis, L. Papin, Dan Kelly, J. W. Magoffin, W. B. Merrick, and A. Solomon, and J. P. Dieter.

Aldermen of the City of El Paso.

Gentlemen: You, and each of you are hereby notified to attend a special meeting of the City Council, to be held at the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the 13th day of April, 1891, at 1 p. m. for the purpose of acting upon appointments to be made for presiding officers of election, to serve in the 1st, 3d and 4th wards, at an election to be held for City Officers on the 14th day of April, 1891; and for the further purpose of preparing instructions for the guidance of Election Officers.

(signed) Richard Caples, Mayor.

Present: Mayor Richard Caples and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, Dan Kelly, J. W. Magoffin, W. B. Merrick, Louis Papin and A. Solomon, 6. Absent: J. P. Dieter. One vacancy in the Third Ward.

Mayor Caples presented the following appointments which were unanimously consented to by the Board of Aldermen: M. A. Dolan, presiding judge of election 1st Ward; E. Krause, presiding judge of election, 3d Ward, and S. W. Pomeroy, presiding judge of election, 4th ward, election April 14, 1891.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

No. 9. **Resolved** by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to prepare and have printed all needful information relative to the law and the manner of holding and conducting elections, and that said information shall contain.

First: A brief copy of the existing laws applicable to the ensuing City Election.

Second: A memoranda of instructions.

Third: All other such information, law or instructions as will enable the Judges and Clerks of Election to easily comprehend and properly discharge their duties concerning said election.

Fourth: The same, when so prepared and printed shall be furnished to the officers of said election at the respective voting precincts.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved Richard Caples Mayor.

G. E. Bovee. City Clerk

Regular Meeting, Friday, April 17, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met in regular session at 8 p.m. Friday, April 17th, 1891: present, Mayor Richard Caples and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, J. P. Dieter, Dan Kelly, Jas. W. Magoffin, W. B. Merrick, Louis Papin and A. Solomon, 7. Absent, none. One Vacancy

The minutes of the last regular meetings (April 3d and 10) and the special meeting of April 13th, 1891, were read and approved without objection.

Health Physician Yandell was authorized to have the post house whitewashed and renovated at an estimated expense of $15.00.

City Attorney Clark reported that he had examined the title to lot No. 15, Block No. 44, Hart's survey, recently purchased by the city from J. H. Hampson, and found it good. He therefore recommended that a warrant on the General Fund for the sum of $400.00 be issued to Mr Hampson in full payment for said property. It was so ordered.

Chairman Davis, from the Ordinance Committee, reported back an Ordinance defining the Fire limits of the City, with amendments, which were considered favorably.

The city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance embodying the amendments.

Chairman Solomon, from the Streets & Grades Committee reported in favor of accepting the following bid of H. G. Powers for Street Sprinkling:

El Paso, Texas, April 3rd, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council,

Gentlemen: I have the honor to propose that I will do and perform the Street Sprinkling embraced in your specifications and schedule for the bulk sum of Eight Thousand, one hundred and forty-seven dollars ($8,147.00) per year

(signed) H. G. Powers.

On motion of alderman Magoffin consideration of the report was postponed one week by the following vote: Yeas, Dieter, Kelly, Magoffin and Merrick, 4. Nays, Davis, Papin and Solomon, 3.

Chairman Papin from the Finance Committee reported in favor of refunding to the Assessor & Collector the sum of $14.26, amount paid into the treasury on account of license No. 515, dated Dec. 22d, 1890, said license never having been paid. Report adopted and Special Fund Warrant ordered

Chairman Merrick, from the Acequia Committee made the following report which was adopted:

El Paso, Texas, April 17th, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: Your Acequia Committee respectfully recommend that the petition of Mr Schwingle, referred to us at the last meeting, in regard to the flume on South Leon Street be laid on the table. The matter was investigated and disposed of at a former meeting, and we do not think further action necessary.

(signed) W. B. Merrick, J. W. Magoffin, Louis Papin.

Chairman Magoffin of the Police Committee reported that G. W. Morgan was no longer in the service of the Street Railway Company, and asked that his appointment as special policeman in the service of the El Paso Street Railway Company be revoked. It was so ordered.

Bills and Communications.

The pay rolls of the Sewer Commissioner, amounting to $117.00, and those of the Street Commissioner for $77.00 for the two weeks ending April 18th, 1891, were read and approved.

The petition of S. H. Wilson for increase of pay as Sewer Pump Engineer was referred to the Finance Com.

The following petition of citizens asking reduction of the fine of F. J. McMurray was read and referred to the Police Committee.

El Paso, Texas, April 17th, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: On account of the mitigating circumstances connected with the recent arrest and conviction of F. J. McMurray before the City Recorder for carrying concealed weapons, we, the undersigned, petition your Honorable body to remit $75 of the fine of $101, imposed thereby, leaving the fine $26.00 the payment of which we believe to be sufficient punishment for the offense committed (signed) Chas Davis, R. F. Johnson, James H. Wade, J. C. Jones, M. W. Stanton, T. T. Teel, Leigh Clark, City Atty, T. C. Lyons

The following petition was read and referred to the City Engineer:

To the Hon. City Council. El Paso, Texas, April 8th. 1891.-

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers on South Leon st. respectfully petition the City Council, representing, That the conditions of a previous petition asking that South Leon street be graded and a culvert built, at the City's expense, to convey the water of the acequia under the street at the junction of South Leon and Second streets, has not been complied with. Instead of a substantial culvert a narrow blank bridge has been substituted, at the expense of property holders, which is both inadequate and dangerous, inasmuch as there is nothing to prevent vehicles from being driven into the Acequia

Your petitioners would ask that the city council cause the city to construct this culvert at the city's expense..... and your petitioners will then be satisfied to do their part, pay for the grading and curbing of S. Leon Street.

(Signed) C.O. Collin, J. Solimaque, E.J. McLean, by S.S. Frendenthal, Agt. W.W. McLaughlin, J.A. Smith, M.S. Kirk, W.K. Rutherburg, Newman & Russell & Coles.

Alderman Magoffin presented the following protest of property owners on San Antonio Street, Magoffin and Cotton Avenues, which were referred to the Streets and Grades Committee.

To the Hon. City Council. El Paso, Texas, April 17, 1891.

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, property owners on San Antonio street, hereby enter our protest against grading and gravelling said street, for the following reasons:

First: That it is not necessary. Second: That it only is asked for to Cotton Avenue and not to the corporation line. Third: That on the North side of said street, from its junction with Magoffin Avenue to the city limits there are only two residences. Fourth: Owing to the hard times and the scarcity of money, to force us to improve said street, as demanded, would create a hardship and be oppressive. There are many other reasons that we could present, and will do so when ordered by your Honorable body to appear; therefore we ask that you do not pass such an ordinance.

R.C. Lightbody
R.M. Russell
W.G. Warfield by T.H. Conklin, Agent.
W.F. Lewis, by T.H. Conklin, Agent.
L.M. Sheldon, by T.H. Conklin, Agt.
T.H. Conklin, Trustee
L.L. Blank, by T.H. Conklin, Agt.
Thos. Howard, per Newman, Russell & Coles, Agts.
A.J. Bassett.
C.K. Beall.
State National Bank, by C.R. Morehead, prest.
W.E. Kneeland.
C.K. Beall.
Davis and Beall
Lessees T.B. Cleaves
W.W. Southworth, Director New Bdg. & Loan Assn.
John Barley, per F.E. Kimball, Agent
E.C. Pew, Master. El Paso Lodge No. 130.
Mrs. B.F. Hammond, by Newman, Russell & Coles, Agts.
R.F. Campbell } by C.R. Morehead.
L.C. Slade. }
Charles Davis.
Fred Widman
C.D. Porter.
M.J. McKelligan
H.R. Steele, Director New Bdg. & Loan Assn.
H.D. Platt, Director New Bdg. & Loan Assn.
B. Blackley, per C.R. Morehead
Chas. E. Irvine.
W.J. Howe, by W.E. Kneeland
W.J. Pewel
Joseph Magoffin
Baptist Church property by the Trustees.
C.R. Morehead.
E.S. Newman
W.F. Price, by Newman, Russell & Coles.
J.P. Coles, Trustee
Mrs Fannie M. Newman by Newman, Russell & Coles, Agts.
Aug. Meisel.
Sam'l King
B.H. Davis
A.A. Durbed.

To the Hon. City Council. El Paso, Texas, March 31, 1891.

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, hereby protest against the grading and gravelling of Cotton Avenue from Magoffin Avenue to San Antonio street, also the grading and gravelling of Magoffin Avenue from Cotton Avenue to Brown street, as provided in your resolution of March 29th. 1891.

(signed) El Paso Real Estate Co., by C.R. Morehead, prest., Joseph Magoffin, M.J. McKelligan.

Assessor and Collector Merrill was instructed to place the sum of $30. to the credit of the General fund on account of collections from Hospital patients.

Alderman Davis offered the following resolutions, which was referred to the Fire & Water Committee.

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of El Paso that an electric light is required on Missouri street for the settlement North of the S.P. Railroad shops, and one on the corner of San Antonio and Oregon streets, the former to be placed at a point to be indicated by the Street Lighting Committee.

On motion of Alderman Dicker the Finance Committee was instructed to report to the Council the amount of money available from this years taxes, that might be used for Street Sprinkling purposes.

Alderman Dalpin, in behalf of the retiring aldermen, presented the following resolutions, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the retiring members of the Council are hereby extended to Mayor Richard Caples for his just and impartial treatment during our term of office, and to Mr. Geo. E. Bovee, our able and efficient clerk for his uniform courtesy to each of us. We compliment Mr Bovee upon the complete and accurate manner in which the records of the city have been kept, and his strict attention to the duties of his office

Mayor Caples informed the Council that he had telegraphed President Harrison of the United States, and Diaz of the republic of Mexico with a view to their meeting here on Tuesday after the arrival of the presidential party, and was awaiting an answer from the president of Mexico.

There being no further business the Council adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18th. 1891.

Approved. Richard Caples Mayor. Geo. E. Bovee, City Clerk

Adjourned Meeting, Saturday, April 18th, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18th, A.D. 1891, mayor Caples presiding and the following aldermen present: M.B. Davis, J.P. Dieter, Dan Kelly, J.W. Magoffin, Louis Papin and A. Solomon, 6. Absent: W.B. Merrick. One vacancy in the 3d ward.

On motion of Alderman Kelly the mayor appointed the following named gentlemen as a citizen's committe to act with the City Council, including the retiring members, as a committee of Arrangements for the reception of the president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison:

C.R. Morehead, E.B. Bronson, A.J. Sampson, S.W. Russell, H.S. Beattie, A. Blacker and W.S. Hills.

On motion of Alderman Papin the mayor was authorized to warrant upon the City treasury for the necessary funds to pay such expenses as may be incurred by the Committee of Arrangements on account the reception to be given the president and other invited guests.

Aldermen Dieter, Davis and Papin were appointed a special Committee to wait upon Colonel Osborn, the Commanding officer at Fort Bliss and invite the co-operation of the forces under his command, in receiving the president.

The following telegram from U.S. Minister Ryan was handed the mayor:

City of Mexico, April 18th, 1891.

Hon Richard Caples.

Responsive to your invitation, president Diaz finds it impracticable to accept because of Official Business now particularly engaging on account of the session of Congress. (Signed) Ryan.

At the suggestion of Mr F. P. Clark, on motion of Alderman Magoffin, the mayor appointed Messrs Clark, Mallory and Payne a committee to wait upon the Civil, Military and Customs Authorities of Juarez, Mexico, and invite them to join with us in welcoming the president of the United States on Tuesday.

In compliance with Section 12 of the City Charter the Council then proceeded to "open and canvass the returns, and ascertain and declare the result of the election" for municipal officers, held in the city of El Paso on the 14th day of April, 1891, in accordance with the following proclamation of the mayor, published in the El Paso Daily Times thirty days next preceeding the election, as required by section 9 of the City Charter.

Election Proclamation.

By authority vested in me by Section 9 of the City Charter, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in each of the four wards of the City of El Paso, on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, A.D. 1891, for the purpose of electing a mayor and four aldermen whose term of office shall expire in April, 1893, as follows:

One Alderman in the First Ward — One Alderman in the Second Ward — One Alderman in the Third Ward — One Alderman in the Fourth Ward. Also, one Alderman in the Third Ward to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of H.M. Kingsbury.

The mayor shall be voted for by the qualified voters of the city at large, and the aldermen by the qualified voters of their respective wards.

The election in the First Ward will be held in the Fire Dept room of the City Hall and M.A. Dolan is appointed presiding judge.

The election in the Second Ward will be held in the Wells, Fargo & Co. Bank Building, and Thos Kerr is appointed presiding judge.

The election in the Third Ward will be held on the corner of St. Louis & N. Stanton Sts. and E. Krause is appointed presiding judge.

The election in the Fourth Ward will be held in Sam Schutz Bdg on San Francisco st. and S.W. Pomeroy is appointed presiding judge.

The polls will be opened from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

(signed) Richard Caples.

March 15th, 1891. Attest. G.E. Boyce, City Clerk. Mayor

The election returns were then opened, found to be in proper form and duly certified by the proper officers of election. They were then canvassed and compiled with the following result:

			1st Wd.	2d Wd.	3d Wd.	4th Wd.	Total.
Richard Caples	for mayor	received	192	254	231	58	735
W.N. Vilas	" "	"	145	174	213	64	596
Charles F. Slack	alderman 1st ward	"	321				321
Scattering	" "	"	16				16
Dan Kelly	" 2d ward	"		222			222
Chas. C. Kiefer	" "	"		165			165
Scattering	" "	"		36			36
Geo. S. Stewart	" 3d ward	"			226		226
M.B. Davis	" "	"			196		196
Scattering	" "	"			11		11
J.B. Badger	" " to fill vacancy	"			218		218
A.W. Spencer	" " " "	"			208		208
Scattering	" " " "	"			13		13
Amir Berla	" 4th ward	"				112	112
Scattering	" "	"				10	10
			674	851	1316	244	1331

Adjourned Meeting April 18, 1891. Continued.

Alderman Davis then presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that Richard Cayles, having received a majority of the votes cast at the election for Mayor, is hereby declared elected Mayor of the City of El Paso, to serve for the term of two years, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Resolved further, That Charles F. Slack, having received a majority of the votes cast for Alderman of the First Ward, is hereby declared duly elected as Alderman of the First Ward, to serve for the term of two years, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Resolved further, That Dan. Kelly, having received a majority of the votes cast at the election for Alderman of the Second Ward, is hereby declared duly elected as Alderman of the Second Ward, to serve for the term of two years, or until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

Resolved further, That George S. Stewart, having received a majority of the votes cast at the election for Alderman of the Third Ward, is hereby declared duly elected as Alderman of the Third Ward, to serve for the term of two years, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Resolved further, That J. B. Badger, having received a majority of the votes cast for the "Short Term" for Alderman of the Third Ward, is hereby declared duly elected as alderman of the Third Ward to serve during the unexpired term of H. M. Kingsbury, or until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

Resolved further, That Annis Berla, having received a majority of the votes cast at the election for Alderman of the Fourth Ward, is hereby declared duly elected as Alderman of the Fourth Ward, to serve for the term of two years, or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved.

Richard Cayles Mayor.

E. D. Dover.

City Clerk.

Regular Meeting. Friday, April 24th. 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met at 8 p.m. Friday, April 24th. 1891. Mayor Caples presiding, and the following aldermen present: J.B. Badger, Louis Berla, A.J. Dicker, Dan Kelly, Jas. M. Magoffin, Chas. F. Slade, Geo. S. Stewart and Adolph Solomon. 8. Absent, none.

The City Clerk informed the council that the list of aldermen had been prepared from the records in his office and arranged alphabetically as required by the rules of the Council; that the Mayor and each of the aldermen had qualified by taking the oath of office and filing the same in the Clerk's office.

On motion of alderman Dicker the reading of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

Mayor Caples presented the following message which was read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

El Paso, Texas, April 24, 1891.

To the Hon City Council.

Gentlemen: On assuming the office of Mayor for the second term, I beg to call your attention to certain matters looking to the welfare of our city, which in the discharge of your official duties you ought, seriously, to consider. The first thing to which I direct your attention is the building of a City Hall; in my judgment a most needed improvement, and one, from an economical view, that will meet with approval of tax payers. Second: Upon a thorough system of street sprinkling, can be had at a reasonable cost of not to exceed four or five thousand dollars per annum. It would add to the material health and pleasure of our city; besides, to thoroughly sprinkle the streets will be beyond the best and cheapest way of preserving and keeping the same in proper repair. The proceeding council began a system of street improvement, to which it cannot be too highly commended, and I trust that you will see proper to continue on the same line until all of our prominent and most important streets are graded and improved, so that the same will be in keeping with the material growth and prosperity of our city.

(signed) Richard Caples, Mayor

The mayor then appointed the following standing committees which were approved by the Council:

On Finance,	Dicker, Slade and Stewart.
" Streets & Grades,	Kelly, Solomon and Badger
" Taxation,	Slade, Stewart and Magoffin.
" Police,	Magoffin, Dicker and Badger
" Fire Water and Street Lighting,	Solomon, Kelly and Berla
" Buildings	Berla, Kelly and Dicker.
" Ordinances & Rules,	Stewart, Solomon and Berla.
" Accounts,	Badger, Slade and Magoffin.

A communication from the Fire Department asking the city to purchase 1000 feet of hose and 2 — patent hose couplers and reducers for fire plugs, was read and referred to the Fire Water Com.

On motion of alderman Dicker the council adjourned.

Approved.

Richard Caples Mayor.

E.D. Bovee, City Clerk.