Regular Meeting Thursday December 6th 1900

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Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 6th 1900

The City Council met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock p.m. on the above day and date, with Mayor Magoffin present and presiding, and the following Aldermen answering to roll call: Badger, Burnes, Burton, Clifford, Grant, McDuffie, Ogden and Stewart.

The minutes of November 22nd 1900 were read and approved, with a slight correction, which correction is as follows:

"To be paid in cash for coal, and General fund city scrip for wood"

Reports from City Officers.

City Engineer Wimberly submitted the following report:

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To the Hon. Mayor and City Council
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

The petition of property owners in and along blocks Nos. 270-277 and 278 of Price Finley's Addition for Sewerage extension through those blocks having been refered to me, beg leave to report the approximate cost to construct the same:

The extension will require 1700 lineal feet of 6"-8" pipe, laid @ 35¢ $595.00
1 Flush Tank $50.00
Making a Total of $645.00

Some buildings are in course of construction along the route of the proposed extension, and the construction of others is contemplated. I therefore recommend that the petition be granted, and the extension made whenever there is available funds for such purpose.

Very respectfully
Geo. C. Wimberly, City Eng.

On motion duly made and carried the recommendation of the City Engineer was adopted.

The Clerk submitted the Report of the City Assessor & Collector for the month of November A.D. 1900, as follows:

Tax Rolls of 1893 & Prior	$ 83.33
" " " 1894	16.54
" " " 1895	82.84
" " " 1896	48.02
" " " 1897	89.68
" " " 1898	126.90
" " " 1899	366.38
Interest account	29.62
Occupation License	$ 211.31
Total	

and showing settlement by City Treasurer receipts Nos. 916

for $248.88, No. 915 for $184.27, No. 917 for 1237.72, School Treasurers Recipt for $150.05 and Millard Pattersons recipt for $606.48 and J H Smiths recipt $82.21, making a total of $2510.31. On motion the above report was refered to the Taxation Committee.

Ordinance Committee

Chairman Grant of the above Committie submitted and read an Ordinance Prohibiting Tar and Gravel Sidewalks in Certain Portions of the City, and recommended that the ordinance be adopted as read.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Committee be carried out and the ordinance be adopted, whereupon the Mayor called for the vote to be taken by roll call on the above motion, which, when taken, resulted as follows: Yeas: Badger, Bunner, Clifford, Grant, McDuffie, Ogden and Stuart. 7. Nays: Burton 1. whereupon the mayor declared the ordinance adopted. The ordinance above refered to is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

"An Ordinance Prohibiting Tar and Gravel Sidewalks in Certain Portions of the City"

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso:

Section 1.

The laying and construction of tar and gravel sidewalks, hereafter, is prohibited in that part of the City of El Paso lying within the following boundaries: Commencing at Santa Fe Street, on the west side; thence along the north side of Main Street to the east side of Campbell Street; thence along the east side of Campbell Street to the south side of First Street; thence along the south side of First street to the east side of Stanton; thence along the east side of Stanton street to the South side of Second Street; thence along the south side of Second Street to the west side of Santa Fe Street, and thence along the west side of Santa Fe Street to the beginning. Provided, however, this is not intended to prevent the repairing and keping in proper condition of any such sidewalks as may already be laid and constructed.

Section 2. The City Council may, by its City Engineer, Chief of Police, any policeman, or its Street Commissioner, prevent any violation of this ordinance, or abate or remove any sidewalk made in violation thereof; and it shall be the duty of such officers to stop any such violation and abate the same.

Section 3. Any person desiring to construct any side-

walk anywhere within the limits shall before doing so make application to the City Council, stating the abutting lots, and the width, lingth and character of sidewalk proposed, and kind of matirial to be used, and obtain the consent of said Council for such sidewalk.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect from its passage.

On motion duly made and carried, ~~and~~ ordinance to close certain streets in the City was laid over for one week.

Finance Committee.

Chairman Clifford of the above Committee recommended the payment of the following bills:

Mrs. Sullivan	Feeding Prisoners, Nov. 682 meals @ 15	$102.30
Strut Commissioners	weekly Pay roll	64.00
Sewer	" " "	15.00

On motion duly made and carried warrants were ordered drawn to pay the above bills.

Chairman Clifford also recommended that the City pay roll for the month of Nov. 1900, amounting to $3846.75, and the City Sewer pay roll for Nov. amounting to $364.75, be approved. On motion duly made and carried the recommendation of the Committee was ordered carried out and the two pay rolls approved.

Fire & Water Committee.

Chairman Brunner of the above Committee recommended that an Arc Light be placed at the intersection of Montana and Florence Streets; Also that an Arc Light be placed at the intersection of Wyoming and Achoa Streets. On motion duly made and carried the recommendations of the Committee was adopted and the Clerk instructed to notify the International Light & Power Co. to place said lights as recommended.

The Committee was given one weeks further time in which to make a report on the petition of Mrs. O. M. Britt for a Telephone franchise.

Bills, Communications. Notices. Etc.

All bills in the hands of the Clerk, against the City was refured to the Finance Committee without reading.

The Clerk read a petition from Mrs. Mary B. Ramsey asking the Council to have the Sewer extended so as to enable her to Connect with the Sewer, her property bing situated in Block 33 Franklin Heights Addition. On motion the petition was refured to the Sewer Commissioner.

The Clerk read a proposition from J. P. Dietz, President

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of the International Light and Power Company, which is as follows:

To the Hon. Mayor & City Council
City of El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

The undersigned, the International Light and Power Company begs leave to submit for your consideration, the following proposition:

First.- That upon the conditions and in consideration of the payments and extension hereinafter set forth, the said Company will within four(4) months from the date of the acceptance of this proposition, re-place the present arc lights now being furnished by it to the city, and substitute in lieu thereof, 1200 candle power lights, that is to say, a lamp or light that burns 300 watts at the arc. The number of 1200 candle power lights, not to be less than 93, and as many more as the City Council, may upon reasonable notice, require. Said 1200 candle power lights to be run by moon schedule, and the city to pay therefor, $6.50 each per month. The said company is now furnishing 64 arc lights of 2000 candle power each, which if divided into 1200 candle power lights, would give 93 1200 candle power lights, and the cost of the said 93 1200 candle power lights, would be the same as the present cost for the 63 2000 candle power lights, now being furnished said city. Said 1200 candle power lights to be placed at such points and places as the City Council may designate, and upon poles of such heights as the City Council may designate. For all additional lights to the above contemplated, the city to pay at the same rate of $6.50 each as provided to be paid for said 93 1200 candle power lights.

Second.- Should the City Council desire to make such change from the 2000 to the 1200 candle power lights, the said Company agrees to make such change as aforesaid, and modify its present contract, provided that the City will agree that the said modified contract so to be entered into upon the acceptance of this proposition, shall continue and exist for five(5) years from the date of the expiration of the existing contract, between the City and the said Company.

Respectfully Submitted, Int. Light & Power Co.
J. O. Outin, Pres.

On motion duly made and carried the above proposition was referred to the Fire & Water Committee and City Electrician.

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The Clerk read a pitition from G.W. Daily, asking the Council to close the ally in block 112 Campbells addition, Claiming that he is the sole owner of said blocks. On motion the pitition was refered to the Strut Improvment Committee and City Engineer.

The Clerk read a Communication from H. F. Binder, Treasurer of the Gamewell Fire alarm Telegraph company, that said Company would prisent a note against the City of El Paso, for $1000.00, the same being due Dec. 19th, 1900, at 6 o/o intrust, No action taken on the Communication.

The Clerk read a Communication from Thos. P. Taylor, Treasurer of the American League of Municipalities, stating that the City of El Paso had not paid its dues in the American League, which amounted to $20.00, It was moved and carried that the Clerk be instructed to draw a warrant for $20.00 on the Contingent funds and remit the amount to said League.

New Business

Under the above head Alderman Badger read the following Resolution:

Whereas the Delinquent Tax List for the Fiscal year commencing March 1st 1899, has been examined found to be correct, approved and Published according to law and the city ordinances, the City Attorny is requested and authorized to bring suit against all delinquents thereon.

On motion duly made and carried the above resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

On motion duly made and carried the mayor was authorized to appoint a Committee of three members of the City Council to be known as the Health Committee.

Unfinished Business.

Under the above head the Clerk opened and read three bids for the buring of city Paupers. Nagley Lyons & McBean $5.00 for each enterment. El Paso Coffin & Casket Co. 2 cents for each enterment. Chas. R. Henderson & Co 1/4 cent for each enterment. On motion duly made and carried the bid of Chas. R. Henderson & Co. was accepted and the contract awarded him for one year from this date.

There being no further business the Council adjourned until 7:30 o'clock Dec 7th 1900.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

B. S. Catlin
City Clerk

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El Paso Texas Dec. 13" 1900

The City Council met in regular session at 7:30 Oclock P.M. on the above day and date, with Mayor Magoffin present and presiding, and the following Aldermen answering to roll call: Badger, Brumer, Burton, Clifford, Grant, McDuffie, Ogden and Stewart.

Street Improvement Committee.

Chairman Badger of the above Committee submitted the following report:

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To the Hon. Mayor & City Council:

Your Committee to Whom was referred the above petition would respectfully recommend that permission be granted G.W. Daily, to fence in the ally in Block 112 Campbells Addition with the understanding that the said G.W. Baily is the sole owner of said block, and it is further understood and agreed that no building shall now or hereafter be constructed on the ally,- right-of-way through said block and the city reserves all its rights to construct and maintain sewer or other pipes through said block for all time; said permission is granted for five (5) years, but should said block be sub-divided before the expiration of five years, then this permit shall terminate, and said ally be reopened.

(signed) J.B. Badger,
(") Geo. C Wimberly City Eng.
Committee.

On Motion duly made and carried the recommendation of the Committee was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Ordinance Committee.

Chairman Grant of the above Committee submitted and read an Ordinance closing certain portions of Rio Grande, O'Banion, Hyde, and Varnell Streets in the City of El Paso, and recommended that the ordinance be adopted, Moved and seconded that the ordinance be adopted, the Mayor called for the Vote to be taken by roll call, which, when taken resulted as follows: Yeas: Brumer, Burton, Clifford, Grant, McDuffie, and Ogden. 6. Nays: Badger and Stewart. 2, Whereupon the Mayor declared that more than a majority of all the Aldermen elected having voted in favor of the adoption of the ordinance, that the same be and is hereby declared adopted.

The ordinance above referred to, is in words and figures

as follows, to-wit:

An Ordinance Closing Certain Portions of Rio Grande, O'Banman, Hyde and Varnell Struts in the City of El Paso.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso:

Section 1.

All of those portion of Rio Grande, O'Banman, Hyde, and Varnell Strut in the City of El Paso, Texas, lying and being between the right of way of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company and the City of El Paso on the South, and the new smelter road on the north, as said railway right of way and said road appear and are designated on the map of the City of El Paso, Texas, adopted by an ordinance of the City Council passed and approved on July 20th, 1899, are hereby closed, vacated and abandoned, it being the intention of the Council hereby to close any and all Struts crossing that certain tract of land bounded as follows, to-wit: By Missouri Strut on the Southeast, by the new Smelter road on the north and northeast, by the right of way of the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company on the South and Southeast, and the east line of Mundy's addition to the City of El Paso, Texas, on the west, as said lines, Struts, roads, and railway rights of way appear and are designated on said map of the City of El Paso.

Section 2.

It is hereby provided however that the right of the City to cross said land with all proper and reasonable Sewer lines and drainage pipes is hereby reserved.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Chairman Grant of the Ordinance Committee submitted and read an ordinance Levying Taxes for General and Special purposes, for the Fiscal year, Commencing March 1st 1900, and recommended the passage of the same. It was moved and seconded that the ordinance be adopted as read. The Mayor called for the vote to be taken by roll call, on the motion to adopt the ordinance, which when taken resulted as follows: Yeas: Badger, Bunner, Burton, Clifford, Grant, McDuffie, Ogden and Stewart, Nays none. Whereupon the Mayor declared that the vote being unanimous in favor of the adoption of the ordinance that the same be and is hereby declared adopted.

The ordinance above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

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An Ordinance Levying Taxes for General and Special Purposes for the Fiscal year, Commencing March 1st 1900

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso:

Section 1.

There is hereby levied, and shall be collected, on the assessed value of all property, real and personal, not exempt from taxation by the constitutions and laws of Texas, situated and being in the corporate limits of the said city of El Paso, on the first day of March A.D. 1900, direct ad valorem municipal taxes, as follows, to wit:

For General Purposes, to wit: for the general fund, and for the purpose of defraying the current municipal expenses of said city 80/100 of one per cent of the cash value of said property.

For Special Purposes, as follows, to wit: for the maintainence, construction, improvement or repair of the public streets, highways or sidewalks, of said city 18/100 of one per cent of the cash value of said property

For the extension and maintenance of the public sewers 6½/100 of one per cent of the cash value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso ~~city~~ sewer Bonds 1/4/100 of one per cent of the cash value of said property

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso Sewer Extension and Improvement bonds 1¾/100 of one percent of the cash value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso City Funded Indebtedness bonds 2¼/100 of one per cent of the cash value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso City Hall and Fire Department bonds 3½/100 of one percent of the cash value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso City Water Works Compromise bonds 1/100 of one percent of the cash value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the Supplemental City Hall and Jail bonds 1/100 of one per cent of the cash

value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso City Public School Bonds, of April 1st. 1890, 3½/100 of one percent of the cash value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso City School bonds, under the ordinance of Oct., 20th, 1898, 3½/100 of one per cent of the cash value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso Supplemental City Hall Bonds, Series 3, 1/100 of one per cent of the cash value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso Sewer Extension and Improvement Bonds, Series 3, 2/100 of one per cent of the cash value of said property.

To pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to redeem the El Paso City School Bonds, Series 3, under the ordinance of Sept. 13th. 1900, 8/4 of one per cent of the cash value of said property.

For the support and maintenance of the Public Free Schools of the City of El Paso 47½/100 of one per cent of the cash value of said property.

Section 2.

Occupation taxes for the said fiscal year having been heretofore, to-wit: on the 1st day of March, 1900, levied in accordance with law and the charter of this city, no further levy is made under this ordinance.

Section 3.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed this the 13th day of December, 1900

Attest B.S. Catlin
City Clerk.

(Signed) Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Finance Committee.

Chairman Clifford of the above Committee recommended the payment of the following bills:

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Ballanger & Longwell.	For hauling Sewer pipe	15 00
Western Union Tel. Co.	Time Service for Police station	3 00
Tassett & Kelly	Mdse for " "	3 00
W. R. Grayson	Jail registir " "	1 00
El Paso Water Co.	Water furnished City in Nov.	92 826
M. Kresberg	Hauling 6 prisoners to City Jail	1 25
International Light & Power Co.	64 Arc Lights Nov.	50 633
Tassett & Kelly	Mdse for City Hall	1 10
" "	" " Sewer line	4 75
" "	" " St. work	5 45
El Paso Transfer Co.	Horse & Buggy for St. Com Nov.	15 00
El Paso Gas Electric L. & P. Co.	Gas & Electric Light Nov.	16 70
Monson & Thome	Smoke stack	28 00
El Paso Transfer Co.	Horse & Buggy Chief Police Nov.	15 00
W. R. Grayson.	Police Docket.	22 50
Henry Breiten	Sewer Brush	6 25
T. H. Bennett	Blacksmith work Sewer Comr	1 90
Monson & Thome	4 Copper Balls	30 00
Bush & Broom	Mdse for Sewer	37 20
T. H Bennett	Blacksmith work St. Comr.	19 35
El Paso Transfer Co.	Sprinklin Streets Nov.	24 740
Hotel Dieu	Boarding City Patients Acct.	56 00
W. R. Grayson	Bindings for A & C.	14 00
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice for City Hall Nov.	3 15
Payne Badger Coal Co.	Ton Coal Police station	7 50
W. A. Irvin & Co.	Mdse for City Engineer	2 90
J. J. O'Neill	Groceries for Pest house	20 75
Payne Badger Coal Co.	Wood & Fine for " "	2 30
O. G. Sutton	Feed for ~~Fire Dept.~~ Pest house horses Nov.	9 50
J. B. Watson,	Mdse for Fire Dept.	12 80
El Paso, Gas Electric L. & P. Co.	Electric Lights for Fire Dept.	11 00
El Paso Water Co.	Water for " "	4 90
Shelton Payne Arms Co.	Mdse " " "	7 15
T. H. Springer	1 Sweeper " "	3 00
Henry Breiten	Shoeing horses " " Nov	14 00
Campbell & Grayson	Drugs for " " " "	4 45
Tuttle Paint Co.	Mdse for " " "	8 30
Monroson & Thome	" " " " "	1 85
El Paso Electric Supply Co.	12 Jinks " " "	1 20
Tassett & Kelly	Mdse " " "	9 67
O. G. Shelton	Feed for horses " " "	69 05
Payne Badger Coal Co.	Coal " " "	4 50

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M. H. Webb.	Mdse for City officers	8 05
H. Mundell	Hauling Pauper to Hospital	1 50
Feuchter Bros	Meat for Pest house Nov.	9 80
" "	" " " " Sept.	9 30
T. H. Springer	Vacc for City Hall	2 00
Payne Badger Coal Co.	Coal & wood for City Hall	18 50
W. R. Grayson	Index book for City Clerk	3 00
M. Gonzales	hauling to Police Station	1 50
Kelly & Pollard	Drugs for Paupers for Nov.	74 15
Street Commissioner	Weekly Pay roll	59 00

On motion duly made & carried the above were ordered paid.

Chairman Clifford recommended that J. T. Sullivan be allowed $27.50 balance of Nov. Salary as driver for Fire Dept. On motion is was so ordered

Taxation Committee.

Chairman Stewart of the above Committee recommended that the report of the Assessor & Collector for the month of Nov. be received and filed. On motion it was so ordered.

Fire & Water Committee.

Chairman Brunner of the above Committed submitted his report upon the petition of Mrs. A. M. Brett for a Telephone franchise, giving various reasons why said franchise should not be granted, Moved & seconded that the report and recommendation be adopted. The vote on the motion was taken by roll call with the following result; Yeas: Brunner Grant, McDuffie, Ogden and Stewart. 5 Nays: Badger, Burton and Clifford. 3. whereupon the Mayor declared the motion to adopt the report of the Committee carried, and the petition of Mrs. Brett rejected.

The Fire & Water Committee was granted further time upon which to make a report on the proposition of the International Light & Power Co.

On motion duly made and carried the City Treasurer was instructed and authorized to call in the $10,000.00 of El Paso Sewer Bonds, issued in July 1887.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved

B. S. Caitin
City Clerk

Mayor

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