Regular Meeting Thursday Dec 6th 1906

Council Chambers City Hall

El Paso Texas Dec 6th 1906

Council met in regular session on the above day and date Acting Mayor Kitt present and presiding and the following Aldermen answered to roll call, Badger Caples, Fedrel, Grant, Hammett, Kitt, Look. absent Rand

Minutes of Board of Appeals Nov 1st 1906 approved as read
" " Regular Meeting held " 1st " " " "
" " " " " " 8th " " " "
" " " " " " 15th " " " "
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Report of Officers

Report of City clerk on Building permits for November

Clerk submitted the following report on building permits for the month of November

Total Number of permits issued 26	
" " " " 19 @ 1.00	$19.00
" " " " 7 " .50	3.50
Total	22.50
Less Cancelled permit No 321	1.00
	21.50
Less 25 o/o Clerks Commission	5.10
Amt turned in as per Treasurers receipt no 1910	$16.40

on motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Report of City Clerk on cash receipts for November

Clerk read and submitted the following report.

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

Gentlemen:

I beg to submit the following report of cash receipts, other than building receipts, for the month of November 1906.

H. B. Stevens, Cost in Tax suits Nos 4118, 4120, 4148.	27.60
Mrs B Harris a/c Charity ticket to Chicago	22.05
N. R. Kramer " " " "	22.05
Mrs Stradham " rent old hose house	1.00
G.H. & S.A. Ry " refund on charity ticket	1.40
Total	$74.10

Respectfully submitted
Percy McGhee
City Clerk

on motion the report was received and ordered filed.

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Street and Grade Com.

Petition of John H Harper for assistance in grading Rio Grande St

Chairman Caples to whom was referred the following petition recommended that it be granted.

El Paso Texas Nov 15th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

Various taxpayers, living on Rio Grande Street between Octavia and Brown are endeavoring to cut down said Rio Grande St, between said Octavia and Brown St.

This movement contemplates, of course, grading Rio Grande St. to conform to the official grade as established by your Honorable Body. There are a number of Citizens living on said street, in the district mentioned, all of whom have signified their willingness to help improve this street and I am authorized by the Citizens before mentioned to petition your Body to assist in doing this work. It will require about seven hundred dollars, it is estimated, to do the work, and I address this communication to you to request that you appropriate at least one third of the necessary funds to do this work

Respectfully submitted

John H. Harper

Alderman Look moved that the petition be granted and the City Engineer be authorized to superintend the work and place all surplus dirt on other streets that are below grade not further than 3 blocks from work, and that the City pay one third of the cost not to exceed $250.00 the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Ordinance Committee

Ordinance levying occupation taxes

Chairman introduced and Clerk read an ordinance levying Occupation taxes for 1906.

The Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the Ordinance to be taken by roll Call which when taken resulted as follows. Yeas Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Hitt and Look. Nays, none. absent Rand.

Whereupon Acting Mayor Hitt declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the adopion of the Ordinance the same be and is hereby adopted.

The Ordinance above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to wit;

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Ordinance Levying Occupation Taxes for the Fiscal year Commencing March 1st 1906.

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

Section 1. There is hereby levied and shall be collected from every person or persons, firm or association of persons, or incorporated Company, pursuing within the limits of the City of El Paso, Texas, during the fiscal year commencing March 1st, 1906, any of the occupations taxed by the state of Texas an annual tax equal to one half of the occupation tax levied by the state of Texas upon said person or persons, or firm, or associations of persons, or incorporated company pursuing such occupation; Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as to levy an occupation tax on any person or persons, firm, or association of persons, or incorporated Company exempt by law from the payment of occupation taxes to the said City of El Paso, Texas.

Section 2 This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this the 6th day of December 1906

Attest

Percy McGhee
City Clerk.

G. L. Hitt
Acting Mayor

Finance Committee

Payrolls of city Officers & Dept for November

Acting Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following Payrolls for the month of November recommended that they be allowed and ordered paid.

Police Dept	payroll for the month of Nov	$3123.75
Engineering Dept	" " " " " "	429.00
Fire Dept	" " " " " "	1302.40
Health Dept	" " " " " "	258.00
Pest House	" " " " " "	235.00
Sewer Dept	" " " " " "	388.50
City Officials	" " " " " "	1841.65
Street & Grade	" " week ending Nov 29th	329.85
Park	" " " " " "	41.00
Street & Grade	" " " " Dec 6th	194.35
Park	" " " " " "	19.00
Mrs J. T. Sullivan	feeding city prisoners	197.25

On motion the payrolls and bills were allowed and ordered paid

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Fire and Water Com

Petition of Jessie P Garrett for 3 arc lights granted

Chairman Caples to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be granted.

El Paso, Texas, Oct 30th 1906

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

Your petitioners would respectfull represent that they are residents and property owners in that section of the City lying south of the Canal and between Stanton and Park Streets; that said portion of the City is not provided with any lights, and in consequence, travel is made exceedingly dangerous and well nigh impossible at some hours of the night, owing to its isolated location;

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your honorable body will instruct the Electric Light Co to establish at least three arc lights at the following named points, to wit:

One at 8th and Ochoa, one at 9th and Hill, and one at 8th and St Vrain Streets.

Your petitioners state that they have suffered long and patiently for want of this convenience and they therefore respectfully request that the Electric Light Co be instructed to furnish said lights forthwith

Jessie P. C. Garrett et al

On motion made and duly carried the petition was duly carried.

Communications

Clerk read the following report

Report of City Engineer on amt paid by city for paving St Car tracks

El Paso Texas Nov 27th 1906

The Hon Mayor and City Council, El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify the City has paid the Texas Bitulithic Co on account of the El Paso Electric Railway Company for work done to date as follows:

2902 lineal feet street railway track concreted @ $1.12½ = $3.264.75

The above is the full amount and does not take into consideration the 20% held back by the City.

Very respectfully
Geo C Wimberly
City Engineer.

On motion made and duly carried the report was

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received and the Clerk instructed to notify the El Paso Electric Ry Co of amount due for paving and call for a settlement;

Acceptance of American Dist Tel Co franchise

Clerk read the following acceptance

To the Honorable:

The City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas.

The American District Telegraph Company, a corporation of the state of Texas, hereby files its acceptance in writing duly Executed by said Company's authorized official, expressly accepting the franchise granted this Company on the Eleventh day of October 1906, subject to all of its limitation and conditions which said Conditions this Company hereby binds itself to perform.

The American District Telegraph Company of Texas
By R C Clowry
President

dated November 20th 1906
attest
H. T. Ferguson
Secretary

On motion made and duly carried the acceptance was received.

Clerk read the following bids

Bid of J C Huff for placing street signs in Bassett add

El Paso Texas Nov 25th 1906

Mr Geo C Hinebrly, City Engineer

I propose to furnish sign posts as per specifications and place same in position for ($100.00) one hundred dollars or one dollar and fifty cents each $1.50

Resp
J. C. Huff.

Bid of Ed A Bingham for placing street signs in Bassett add

El Paso Texas Nov 28th 1906

To Geo C Hinebrly City Engineer:

Sir.

I will furnish and paint and set post according to the plans and specifications for the Bassett Addition for the sum of 93¢ each, Ninety three cents each.

Yours truly.
Ed A Bingham

Bid of Ed A Bingham accepted

Alderman Caples moved that the bid of Ed A Bingham being the lowest bid be accepted.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Clerk read petition of R. B. Bias Fuel Co for spur track.

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on motion the petition was referred to Street & Grade Com

New Business

Alderman Cook moves that the City Engineer be instructed to show the El Paso Electric Ry Co the line for track on Crosby street. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Then being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Perry McGhee
City Clerk

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Council Chamber City Hall

El Paso, Texas, Dec 13th 1906

Council Met in regular session on the above day and date at 7 30 o'clock P.M. with Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answering to roll call. Badger, Caples Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Hitt, Look, and Rand.

Reading of the Minutes of the last regular meeting passed over.

Report of Officers

Recommendations of City Atty as to Changes in city Charter

City Attorney Burges submitted recommendations as to changes of the present ~~changes of~~ City Charter.

On motion made and carried the recommendations was referred to the City Council as a committee of the whole

City Engineer submitted the following report.

El Paso, Texas. Dec 13th 1906

Report of City Engineer on Amt due Texas Bitulithic Co for paving

The Hon Mayor and City Council El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Below I submit estimate for work done to date by the Texas Bitulithic Company showing balance due said Company after deducting 20% and all cash payments.

4719.22	Cu yds Earth Excavation	@ 26¢	$1227.00
13112.19	Sq " finished paving	" 187½	24586.36
665	" " rock foundation spread and rolled	" 40¢	266.00
24.1	Cu " Cement Curb underpinned	" 550	132.55
130	lineal feet stone Curb reset	" 25¢	32.50
107.898.4	lbs castings for culverts	" .03¢	3236.95
2.902	lineal feet St Car track concreted	" 1.12½	3264.75
877.4	" " Cement Culverts	" 40¢	350.96
90.	Cu yds Extra Excavation (soft places)	" 26	23.40
Repairing Curbs on Mesa ave		"	24.71
"	House sewer on St Louis st		4.72
Total			33148.90
Less 20% held back		$6.629.78	
" Cash Sept 27/06		5000.00	
" " Oct 12/06		1798.98	
" " " 25/06		6704.95	
" " Nov 8/06		6515.81	
" " " 23/06		4300.11	30949.63
Balance due Dec 13/06			2199.27

Respectfully Submitted

Geo C Shimberly City Engineer

On motion made and carried the report was received and bill allowed

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Petition of Rosalie and Gus Bahnert for payment wall

Street and Grade Com

Chairman Caples to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be denied

El Paso, Texas. Aug 20th 1906

The Hon Mayor and City Council, El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen;

Under a contract with you, the City was to build at its own cost, the front foundation wall for my building, and build strong enough to carry four stories of brick work; the City was also to build for me the retaining wall for the side walk and you did build it, but you had it built in such a way that it was wholly worthless for the purpose according to the statement of both my Architect and the Contractor and I have had to have it rebuild entirely. Enclosed please find cost bill for same with the request to repay me the amount. The sidewalk retaining wall is also not down low enough and I would request you to have this underpinned in such a way, that I can use it.

Very respectfully
Rosalie Bahnert
Gus. A. Bahnert

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

Gentlemen:

Under a contract with you dated January 31st the City was to build at its own cost, the front foundation wall for my building, and to be built strong enough to carry four stories of brick work; the City was also to build for me the retaining wall for the sidewalk and you did build it, but in such a way that it was wholly worthless for the purpose according to the statement of both Architect and the Contractor and I have had to have it rebuilt entirely. Enclosed please find cost bill for same with the request to repay me the amount. The sidewalk retaining wall is also not down low enough and I would request this be underpinned in such a way that I can use it.

Very respectfully
Gus A Bahnert
Rosalie Bahnert

County of El Paso
State of Texas

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Before me the undersigned authority, on this day personaly appeard Gus A Bahnert and Rosalie Bahnert and upon their oaths, they and each of them say that the account hereto attached, marked exhibit "A" is true and correct and the sum therein mentioned was by them in cash paid for the proper construction of said wall. El Paso, Texas. October 5th 1906

Wm Moller

Notary Public in and for El Paso County, Texas.

County of El Paso
State of Texas.

Before me the undersigned authority, on this day personaly appeard Louis Hammer and said upon his oath that he has received the sum specified in attached account marked exhibit "A" namely $277.89 in payment of foundation wall on lots belonging to Rosalie Bahnert on Corner of Union Depot and San Francisco street and that the wall therein before built by the City of El Paso at said place was wholly unfit for a three story brick building and also appeard Ernest Krause who said upon oath that he examined the wall hereinbefore built by the City of El Paso for the said Bahnert and wife and that the same was utterly unfit for a four story brick building.
Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of October 1906

Louis Hammer
E Krause

Wm Moller
Notary Public in and for El Paso County, Texas.

R Bahnert & Hammer. Concrete stone work in piers

Corner 1st Course	5'6" x 5'6" x 1'		30.
" 2nd "	4'6" + 4'6" + 2'		40.1/2
Center 1st "	8' + 4' + 1'		32.
" 2nd "	7' + 3' + 2'		42.
East C 1st "	ditto + 5' + 1'		32.
	ditto		42.
East C 1st "	4' + 5' + 1'		20.
" " 2nd "	3' + 4'6" + 2'		27.
Side W 1st "	3'3" + 15' + 1'		48.
" " 2 "	2'6" + 15' + 2'		75.
Total			388
1/2 at 25 cents			$97.12

Stonework 12'6" high

Corner pier	3'6" + 3'6"	15-05/8
" "	6' + 2'	15-0

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Ditto 6' + 2'	150		
East Corner 4' + 2'	100		
Return 2'6" + 4 + 6	60		
" 2' + 8'6" + 4 - 72			
Total	682	5/8' - 41-1/3 perch at $3 1/2 matlcs	$144.67
			97.12
		Total	241.79
add to this the excavating and haring down			36.10
		Total	277.89
Deduct old stone furnished by City 18 perch at 75¢ —			13.50
Leaving total due			$264.39

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On motion the petition was denied.

Petition R.B. Bias Fuel Co for spur track granted

Chairman Caples to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be granted

El Paso, Texas, Nov 13th 1906

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

Gentlemen:

We herewith petition your Hon body for a permit to lay a spur to our warehouse on the alley between Franklin and Missouri street, to connect with the South Western Rail ways track near the intersection of Augs Street, thence to run easterly along said alley in rear of our ware house on lots number five, six, seven and eight in block six Franklin Heights addition

Thanking you we are

Very respectfully

R.B. Bias Fuel Co

On motion the petition was duly granted, and referred to the City Atty to draw up proper ordinance.

Fire and Water Com.

Arc light to be placed on intersection of Mesa + Boulevard

Chairman Caples moved that an arc light be placed at the intersection of Mesa + Boulevard. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Communications

Communication from El Paso Electric Ry Co for return of forfeit money

Clerk read the following communication.

El Paso, Texas, Dec 13th 1906

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

Gentlemen:

In the amended ordinance heretofore passed by the City Council by which a franchise was granted

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to the El Paso Electric Railway Company for the construction of an electric street railway over a certain portion of West Overland street and Davis Street. There was a provision to the effect that the said El Paso Electric Railway Company should deposit with the City of El Paso the sum of $25.000.00 to be forfeited to the said City in the event the said El Paso Electric Railway Company failed to construct and have in opperation within Ninety (90) days from the date of the passage of said ordinance an electric street railway over that portion of West Overland street and Davis Street defined in said Ordinance.

This to notify the Honorable City Council that the said El Paso Electric Railway Company has in all things complied with the conditions under which said deposit was required to be made. That it has constructed and has now in operation a line of the El Paso Electric Railway Company from El Paso Street, over West Overland street to Davis Street and from thence over Davis Street to the Union Depot, and that it is entitled to have repaid and refunded to it the said sum of $25.000.00

It therefore respectfully requests your Honorable Body to order in a proper way the repayment of said sum of $25.000.00 to it.

Very respectfully
El Paso Electric Ry Co
By H. S. Potter

Motion was made and duly carried that the forfeit money be returned to the El Paso Electric Ry Co.

Petition of Sam B Gillett sewer Connection

Clerk read the petition of Sam B Gillett for sewer connection on motion the petition was referred to the Sanitary Com.

Petition of Phil Young payment of sidewalk

Clerk read petition of Phil Young for payment of new sidewalk on motion the petition was referred to Street and Grade Com

Petition of Florence Hipsher for Damages

Clerk read petition of Florence Hipsher for damages on motion the petition was referred to City Atty

Street Commission granted leave of absence

Capt Brady Street Commissioner asked for two weeks leave of absence on motion the leave of absence was granted.

On motion the Council adjourned over until Friday Dec 14th 1906 at 2.30 oclock p.m.

Approved
Charles Davis
Mayor

Perry McGhee
City Clerk

Adjourned regular ~~Meeting~~ Friday Dec 14th 1906

Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso, Texas Dec 14th 1906

Council met in adjourned regular session on the above day and date at 2.30 o'clock p.m. Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answered to roll Call. Badger, Caples, Grant, Hammett, Look and Rand. absent Fewel and Hitt.

Bids for improvement of Sam Houston square

Alderman Hammett submitted bids for the improvement of Sam Houston square. The bids submitted as follows

Bid of T.J. Holland	$37.98.00
" " W.W. Greiff	2727.00
" " J.K. Tuttwille	3000.00
" " C.A. Peterson	2889.00
" " Thos R Francis	4726.00
" " Jolly and Morris	2715.00

On motion made and duly carried the bid of Jolly & Morris was accepted, and Architects instructed to proceed with the work.

Cement sidewalks to be placed in Carnegie and San Jacinto squares

Alderman Hammett moved that Cement side walks 8 ft wide be built in Carnegie square diagonally across, one beginning at Cor of Franklin and Oregon and running diagonally across to Cor of Missouri and N El Paso streets. the other to begin at Cor of Missouri and Oregon streets and running diagonally across to Cor of Franklin and N El Paso streets.
Also all cross walks in San Jacinto square and the City Engineer be instructed to draw up specifications and call for bids.
The motion was duly seconded and carried.

City Engineer instructed to take up matter of leaking pipes and bad subgrade in paving Dist

On motion made and duly carried the City Engineer was instructed to look into the matter of leaking pipes and faulty subgrade in the paving district, caused by negligence of the different corporations having pipes under ground in the said paving district in not repairing promptly and carlessness in filling up excavations.

Special Com appointed to look into exchange of street roller

Alderman Caples stated that the agent for the Kelly Ahrens Roller Co was here and wanted to take up the matter of Exchange of rollers as the present one was not giving satisfaction.
On motion made and carried the matter was referred to Special Com Badger & Grant with power to act.

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Chairman Rand of the Finance Committee recommended that the following bill be allowed and ordered paid.

Bills for Nov. allowed

Western Union Tel Co	Telegrams	police Dept	38 88
A.P. Coles Bro	premium on bond		7 50
Pomeroy Transfer Co	Teams	Sanitary "	37 00
Morrell Mfg Co	Insect Exterminator	Police Dept	60 00
W.H. Wheat	Hack hire	" "	4 00
Consumers Ice Co	Ice	" "	2 55
Tom Spivey	towels	" "	2 00
P.H. Curran	supplies	" "	3 95
Santa Fe Fuel Co	Fuel Co		7 00
W.A. Mitchell	expenses		10 00
Badger Fuel Co	Fuel		7 00
Times Pub Co	printing		68 76
Ellis Bros	Books + Sta		86 55
El Paso Street Ry Co	Lights		1078 00
Inter State Co	Water		1460 37
Fassett + Kelly	supplies		3 00
Fuel + Smith	Feed		14 70
Kelly + Pollard	sulpher + Alcohol		13 95
" "	supplies		42 00
" "	Drugs		50
Fuel + Smith	Feed + Fuel		49 80
Howard + McPhet	Groceries		27 05
Stifter + Schneider	meat		4 25
Pomeroy Transfer Co	Blacksmithing		4 00
Kelly + Pollard	Drugs		175 00
West Texas Fuel Co	Fuel Co		7 00
P.H. Curran	supplies		1 95
Frank B Cotton	Rent dumping ground		25 00
Fassett + Kelly	Packing		1 00
Krakauer Zork + M	Hardware		38 10
El Paso Electric Ry Co	Light	City Hall	15 30
R.B. Bias Fuel Co	Fuel	" "	14 00
Lion Grocery Co	supplies	Fire Dept	6 00
Howard McP	"	" "	3 90
" " "	"	" "	1 60
Central Machine Co	"	" "	1 00
E.E. Koglmeier	"	" "	3 60
Popular Dry Goods Co	"	" "	95
Grayson Drug Store	"	" "	1 10
El Paso Elect Ry Co	Light	" "	22 53
Fassett + Kelly	supplies	" "	12 45
Badger Fuel Co	Fuel	" "	15 30

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El Paso Cycle Co	repairs	Fire Dept	50
O.G. Sutton & Son	Feed	" "	148 55
American La France Eng Co	repairs	" "	9 00
Scavenger (2 mo)		" "	12 00
H.A. Alberthal	repairs	" "	9 75
Dr Thatcher	services	" "	34 50
J.T. O'Rourke	shoeing	" "	18 00
Geo Monsen & Co	supplies	" "	4 10
Public Library	December allowance		425 00
Ellis Bros	supplies	Sanitary "	20 25
Badger Fuel Co	Coal	" "	51 95
Crawford & Stewart	Printing frame	" "	57 75
El Paso Brick Co	Brick	" "	11 50
Intr Book & Sta Co	supplies	" "	3 55
R.D. Richey	plumbing	" "	5 50
Fassett & Kelly	Hardware	" "	18 85
J.E. Terry	Dirt for Carnige Square	" "	74 00
Robinson Market	meat		80
Geo Monsen Co	supplies		27 45
Intr Water Co	Connections		26 20
F.C. Cole Bl	blacksmithing		50
Mrs Donahue	Park work		3 65
Tom Spivy	towels	City Hall	75
Pomeroy Transfer Co	sprinkler teams		761 50
H.P. Jackson	supplies	St & Grade	8 75
Fowl & Smith	Feed	" "	31 45
Intr Water Co	repairs	" "	31 45
Krakauer Z & M	Hardware	" "	4 45
E.F. Burwick	Curbing	" "	45 50
T.H. Bennett	Blacksmithing	" "	28 55
Monsen & Co	Meat	" "	11 40
Dan Kelly	Powder	" "	90
Fassett & Kelly	Hardware	" "	27 50
Geo E Fletcher	Carpenter work	" "	6 75
Street & Grade	payroll for week ending Dec 13		361 25
Parks	" " " " " 13		20 00

On motion made and carried the bill were allowed and ordered paid

There being no further business the Council adjourned over to Saturday Dec 15th 1906 at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

Approved Charles Davis Percy McGee
Mayor City Clerk

Adjourned regular Meeting Saturday Dec 15th 1906

Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso, Texas, Dec 15th 1906

Council met in adjourned regular session on the above day and date at 2.30 o'clock p.m. Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answered to roll call Badger, Caples, Grant, Hammett, Look and Rand. absent Fewel and Hitt.

Special com to purchase trees for the city parks

On motion made and duly carried Mayor Davis appointed a special committee to purchase the trees for all the parks the following aldermen, Hammett, Grant and Caples.

City Limits to be extended by Charter amendment

Alderman Rand moved that it be the sence of this council that the City limits be so extended as to include smelter settlement, Highland Park, East El Paso, Wood Lawn, Tobins 1st and 2nd Addition, Government Hill, Grandview, Altura and Military Heights Additions and United States Military Reservation Valverde addition and Washington Park. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Charter amended to construct side walks

Caples moved that it be the sence of this Council that the Charter should be so amended as to require the property owner under ~~the~~ penalty of a fine to construct a side walk or make sewer connections when directed by the City Council to do so. The duty of doing these things should commend itself to every citizen but there are in every city some who lag behind the rest and hamper and retard the progress and discomode their neighbors when a moderate expenditure on their part would not only add to the comfort and beauty of the neighborhood but would enhance the value of their own property and all surrounding property as well. In a great majority of instances the unprogressives have ample means to make the needed improvements and in the majority of instances they are nonresidents, drawing a profitable revenue from their property while leaving it. through want of sewer connections or side walk a menace to health and a discomfort and eyesore to the community. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Charter to be amended at side walk construction & a charge against owner

Alderman Caples moved that it be the sence of the City Council that the City Charter should be so amended as to make the cost of side walks and sewer connections when the property owner fails to construct same within a reasonable time after receipt of notice

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a personal charge against the owner and giving the City a lien on the rents arising from the property until the the debt is paid. Should such an amendment be adopted it is safe to say that within a year not a block within the closely built up sections of the City would be without a good sidewalk. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Charter to be amended against injunction

Alderman Caples moved that it be the sense of the City Council that the City Charter should be so amended that no injunction shall lie against the City to restrain the completion of the work of grading a street. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Charter to be amended Corporation failing to obey an order of Council shall be fined

Alderman Rand moved that it be the sense of the City Council that the City Charter should be so amended that when the duty devolved upon a corporation under its franchise, or the lawful order of the City Council to do or perform a certain act, that failure to comply with such order within a specified time, should constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine or penalty for every day such duty is unperformed. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Charter to be amended to provide for officer to read water meters

Alderman Grant moved that it be the sense of the City Council that the City Charter should be so amended ~~that~~ to provide for an officer, elected by the City Council or appointed by the mayor, to be known as official Meter Reader, whose duty it shall be to read, inspect and test meters of Water, Gas, Light, and other companies from time to time. This officer should be under bond for the protection of both parties and his decision as to the amount due should be binding upon both parties until reviewed in a court of competent jurisdiction. He should have exclusive authority to cut off the supply of any commodity from the consumer. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Charter to be amended create district for saloons

Alderman Badger moved that it be the sense of the City Council that the City Charter be so amended as to provide for a prosecribed district within which it shall be lawful to conduct a saloon for the sale of intoxicating liquors and prohibiting saloons outside of such limits. the motion was duly seconded

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Charter to be amended officer to have charge of weights & Measures

Alderman Grant moved that it be the sence of the city Council that the city Charter be so amended as to provide for an officer who shall have charge of weights and measures of the city. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Charter to be amended provide for public slaughter & Market houses

Alderman Badger moved that it be the sence of the city Council that the city Charter should be so amended so as to provide for a public slaughter House and public market House. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Charter to be amended Tax Commission

Alderman Hammett moved that it be the sence of the city Council that the city Charter should be so amended as to provide for a Tax commission. the motion was duly seconded and carried

The following report of the Heath Board was read.

El Paso. Texas. Dec 15th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council City of El Paso.

Gentlemen:

Report of Board of Health on Sanitary Conditions

The board of health herewith respectfully beg leave to report to your Hon Body that the report of the special committee heretofore appointed to investigate the sanitary condition of the city and its environments has been submitted and carefully considered and we urgently advise that your Hon Body take the steps necessary to compel the Water Co, Dairys, Chinese gardeners, dealers in raw vegetables, butchers and other individuals or companies dealing in articles of food and drink to comply with all necessary sanitary laws. under the direction of the City Physician, he to specify what percaution shall be observed by any of the before mentioned individuals associations or corporations, and upon refusal to comply with such necessary precautions prescribed as aforesaid, That your honorable body prevent said individual, Company or corporation from trafficing in said Articles of food or drink and affix a penalty therefor -

Respectfully submitted

W. N. Velas

W. T. Hixson

Jas U Sweeney

Alderman Badger moved that the report be received and filed and its recommendations be carried out. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

There being no further business the Council adjourned over until Monday Dec 17th 1906 at 2.30 o clock p m.

approved

Perry McGhee

City Clerk

mayor

Adjourned regular meeting Monday Dec 17th 1906

Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso, Texas, Dec 17th 1906

Council met in adjourned regular session on the above day and date at 2.00 o'clock p.m. Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answered to roll call, Badger, Caples, Grant, Hammett, Hitt, Look and Rand. absent Fewel.

Clerk read resolution giving notice that the city Council will apply for a new Charter.

Resolution giving notice that the City will apply for new Charter

Alderman moved that the resolution be adopted the motion was duly seconded.

The Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the resolution to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows. Yeas. Badger, Caples, Grant, Hammett Hitt. Look and Rand. Nays none, absent Fewel.

Thereupon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the resolution the same be and is hereby adopted.

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

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso.

Section 1.— That notice shall be and is hereby given that application will be made by the City Council of the City of El Paso to the Legislature of the State of Texas. to be convened in the City of Austin in January 1907 for a new charter for the City of El Paso it being the intention of the Council to ask for an extension of the City limits in an easterly northerly and westerly direction as well as for general Charter provisions for the regulation and control of municipal affairs.

Section 2. This resolution shall be published in the official paper of the City for thirty days beginning Tuesday Dec 18th 1906.

City Atty Authorized to employ a stenographer to assist in getting up new work

Alderman Rand moved that the City Attorney be authorized employ a stenographer for assisting in drafting the new City Charter. the motion was duly seconded and carried

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Regular Meeting Thursday Dec 20th 1906

Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso Texas Dec 20th 1906

Council met in regular session on the above day and date at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following Aldermen answered to roll call. Badger, Carpler, Fowl, Grant, Hammett, Look and Rand. Absent Hitt.

Minutes of the regular meeting held Dec 6th 1906 read and approved.
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Report of Officers

City Physician Anderson submitted the following report

El Paso Texas, Nov 20th 1906

Report of City Physician relative Sanitary Conditions the City

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

Gentlemen:

As your City Health Officer, I desire to submit the following statement. In my duties as City Health Officer I found that Typhoid fever was in our midst and immediately started an investigation, to determined if possible, the source of infection. In this investigation I was ably assisted by a number of physicians and several business men.

We visited a number of dairies and also the water reservoir in Mundy Heights, together with the pumping plant on the Mesa.

I wish now to emphasize the fact that there is not a milk dairy within the City limits that is in a sanitary condition, Also that the water reservoirs of the El Paso Water Co at the head of North Santa Fe Street are in a very unsanitary condition.

I have, as your health officer, notified every dairy within the City limits to immediately put their dairies in a sanitary condition or I would revoke their permits to sell milk. The El Paso Water Co was also notified to put their reservoirs in a sanitary condition, or I would take necessary steps to cause it to be done.

I desire to state that the streets and alleys of the City are in a deplorable state. Pools of stagnant water are also allowed to stand in vacant lots in the southern portion of the City.

I wish further to say that garbage is being strewn from Rands Grove to the City Dumping ground, rented by the City. At this dumping ground are thrown out all all kinds of condemned meat, fowls and all other

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garbage carried from the city, and an inspection almost any day will show proper gathering this garbage and condemned meats and hauling it back to the city, to be either eaten or sold.

I feel as your health officer, that something must be done at once to avert an epidemic of fever, We have now in our city one hundred and twelve cases of Typhoid fever reported by physicians About a dozen of these are out of town cases.

Within a few months, I had a large number of cases of scarlet fever and by isolation and thorough fumigation, I reduced this to almost nothing. Early in the fall, I had on my list a number of diphtheria cases, which were taken care of in the same manner.

I have issued orders to dairies, the El Paso Water Co and to a large number of individuals, to clean up, but these orders will not be worth the paper they are written on, unless I have an adequate force of sanitary inspectors to see that my orders are carried out.

The City Council has endeavored to make the cost of my Department as small as possible, in order to save the City money. I wish to say at this time and occasion that with a proper force under my control, appointed by me, and with the assistance of the Citizens generally, I can assure you that typhoid fever and other diseases can be stamped out. You may wish to know where the typhoid diseases comes from, and I can truthfully say that I do not know, but I do know we have unsanitary conditions which can and will be removed if proper steps are taken.

I would further suggest and recommend that an ordinance be formulated and put in effect, forbidding dairies within the City limits. Also that you install a city slaughter house and require all animals slaughtered for food to be slaughtered at this place, where inspection and supervision can be had.

It is advisable that everyone see that the plumbing in their residence is in proper condition, that there are no pools of water on their lots or in their sellars, and that no garbage be allowed to accumulate on their premises. Also that they boil both water and milk and thoroughly cook all meats and vegetables.

I will say that it is the manifest duty of the City Council to see that the necessary steps are taken to fill up all water pools and that the street and alleys are given a thorough cleaning and are kept so. The force of sanitary inspectors at hand is inadequate

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to cope with the present situation, and I make a special request of the City Council that I be given at least six men in addition to my present force.

I wish to thank the doctors and citizens who assisted in this investigation, and sincerely regret that any differences of opinion have occured. and I wish to assure them and this Council that I shall use every effort to abate the present conditions.

Respectfully submitted
W. H. Anderson
City Health Officer, City of El Paso, Texas.

on motion made and carried the report was received and recommendations carried out. and that these additional men be made special policemen and draw policemans pay.

City Plumbing Inspector submitted the following report

Report of Plumbing Inspector for November

El Paso, Texas, Dec 17th 1906

To the Hon Mayor & City Council.

Gentlemen:

I beg to hand you herewith my report for this month of November. During said month I have made 42 inspections and collected Ninety dollars $90.00 as per Treasurers receipt herewith attached.

Very respectfully
V. E. Luhorn
Plumbing Inspector

on motion made and carried the report was received and filed.

Street and Grade Com

Petition of Duncan Campbell obstructions in Anthony St referred to City Atty

Chairman Caples to whom was referred the petition of Duncan Campbell recommended that the petition be referred City Atty.

on motion made and carried the was referred to City Atty.

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City

Ordinance Com

Ordinance regulating amt of Gasoline in City limits laid over

Chairman Look introduced an ordinance regulating the amount of gasoline and other explosive oils carried by merchants in the City limits. on motion the ordinance was laid over for one week.

Finance Committee

Payrolls for St. grade and Park

Chairman Rand recommended the following pay rolls for payment.

Street and Grade payroll for the week ending Dec 20 $299.00
Park " " " " " " " 16.00

on motion made and carried the payrolls were ordered paid.

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Communications

Petition of Laura M Kitt for reduction of taxes.

Clerk read petition of Mrs Laura M Kitt for reduction of taxes. On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Committee.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Perry McGhee
City Clerk

Special meeting Saturday Dec 29th 1906

Mayors office City Hall
El Paso, Texas, Dec 29th 1906

Council met in special session on the above day and date with Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answered to roll call. Badger, Fewel, Grant, Hammitt, Hitt and Look 6 absent Caples and Rand.

Special meeting

Clerk read the following call.

El Paso, Texas, Dec 29th 1906

Messrs. J.B. Badger, Geo Look, H.J. Fewel, G.L. Hitt, J.T. Grant, B.F. Hammitt, Richard Caples and H.J. Rand. composing the Board of of Aldermen of the City of El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I am requested by the mayor to advise you that a special meeting of the City Council is hereby called at 9.30 a.m. Saturday December 29th to be held in the mayors office in the City Hall, for the purpose of passing upon estimate of Bitulithic Company, confirming officers of El Paso Fire Dept, and such other business as may come up.

Yours very truly
Perry McGhee
City Clerk
by H.L. Oldham Deputy

Clerk read the following report.

El Paso, Texas. Dec 27th 1906

The Hon Mayor and City Council El Paso Texas.

Gentlemen:

Report of City Engineer on estimate of work done Texas Bitulithic Co for paving.

Below I submit bi weekly estimate of work done by the Texas Bitulithic Co as follows:

4.719.22 Cu yds Earth excavation	@ .26¢		$1227.00
18.892.44 Sq " Finished pavement	" 1.87½		35423.32
30.5 Cu " Curb underpinned	" 5.50		167.75
130 Lineal feet Curb reset	" .25¢		32.50
109390 lbs castings in place	" .03¢		3281.70
3413 Lineal feet Street Ry Concreted	" 1.12½		3839.62
877.4 " " Culverts	" .40¢		350.96
Total			$44.322.85
Less 20% held back		$8.864.57	
" Cash sept 27/06		5000.00	
" " Oct 12/06		1798.98	
" " " 25/06		6704.95	
" " Nov 8/06		6515.81	
" " " 28/06		4300.11	
" " Dec 14/06		2199.27	
			$35.383.69
Balance Due Dec 27/06			$8.939.16

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Respectfully submitted
Geo C Kimbrly
City Engineer

Motion was made duly seconded and carried allowing the Texas Bitulithic Co the above amount and ordered warrant for same.

Clerk read the following Communication

El Paso, Texas, Dec 27th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council El Paso, Texas,
Gentlemen:

Communication from El Paso Fire Dept giving list of officers for 1907

At a regular meeting of the Fire Department held Dec 12th, the following officers were elected to serve for the year of 1907.
President J. B. Badger. 1st vice president A. A. Howard 2nd vice president C. W. Fassett. 3rd vice president J. C. Lackland. 4th vice president C. C. Stapleton. 5th vice president J. H. Nations. Chief T. J. Holland 1st Asst Chief Geo Ingersol. 2nd Asst Chief Geo. O. Stoveng Secretary H. T. Hixson. Treasurer, Dan Kelly.
The different Companies appointed the following Fire Police. Hose Co No 1. A Ainsa, Haymon Knipp. W. M. McCoy. Hose Co No 2. O. M. Jones. J. R. Salas. Dave Andrews. Hook + Ladder Co No 1 - H. P. Noakes, Chas B Simms. H. G. Van Haslin. Julian Engine Co No 1. John Jacoby. C. M. Whitaker. J. S. W. Dooper. Mesa Hose Co No 3. Dr J. H. Paget. C. J. Maple. Geo Hennes.
All of whom the Fire Department respectfully requests your Hon Body to confirm.

Respectfully submitted
H. T. Hixson
Secy E. P. F. D.

Officers of El Paso Fire Dept Confirmed.

On motion made seconded and duly carried all of the above named officers were confirmed.

Petition of Geo Look permission to excavate under sidewalk

Clerk read petition of Geo Look requesting permission to excavate under side walk on Davis st.
On motion the petition was referred to Street and Grade Com.

Ordinance fixing salary of Mayor laid over

Clerk read an Ordinance fixing salary of Mayor for the next two years.
On motion the Ordinance was laid over for one week.

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Invitation from Owls Club to New year reception

Clerk read an invitation from the owl Club to attend their reception on New Years Day.
on motion the invitation was accepted.

Resolution instructing Inter Water Co to shut off reservoirs.

Clerk read resolution instructing the Inter Water Co to shut off water from reservoirs. Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the resolution.

The mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the resolution to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows Yeas, Badger, Grant, Hammett, Hitt and Look 5 Nays none, absent Caples and Rand. Fewel refused to vote.

Whereupon mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the resolution the same be and is hereby adopted.

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

Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of El Paso, Texas.

Section 1. That the Inter Water Company be instructed to shut off the water from their reservoirs on North Santa Fe street until the Board of Health is satisfied there is no danger from contaminated water.

Sanitary Com to investigate dumping ground an creamatory furnace and report

Alderman Look moved that the question of Dumping ground for the City and the advisability of erecting a Creamatory be referred to the Sanitary Committee the motion was duly seconded and carried.

There being no further business the Council adjourned over until Wednesday at 10 o'clock a m January 2nd 1907

Approved

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Charles Davis
Mayor