Regular Meeting Thursday February 7th 1901

Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso Texas, Feby 7th 1901.

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: Bassmer, Burton, Clifford, Grant, McDuffie, and Stuart. 6 Absent: Alderman Badger and Ogden.

The minutes of a regular meeting held January 31st 1901 were read and approved without correction.

Reports from City Officers.

The Clerk submitted and read the report of the Assessor and Collector January 1901, as follows:

Rolls of 1899.	$188.14
Rolls of 1900,	$1.820.24
Occupation,	794.50
Sewer,	85.00
Intrest 1899.	$21.26
Showing total Amount to be	$12.909.14

Showing Settlement for same by City Treasurers reciept No. 929 for $88.39, No. 930 for $134.28, No. 931 for $770.66, No 932 for $20.63, No 933 for $80.75, J.C. Smith reciept for $388.28. and J.F. Williams, reciept for $3000.00 and for $3.35.

On motion the above report was referred to the Taxation committee.

City Engineer Kimberly submitted and read the following Report:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
El Paso Texas

Gentlemen

It having come to my knowledge that serious conflicts exists between the map of the "Sunset Heights" addition and that of Satterthwaites No 2, at points where there should be no disagreement, I deem it my duty to officially inform your honorable body that the necessary steps may be taken to bring about a legal adjustment of the conflicting Maps.

The map of Satterthwaites additon, known as his no. 2 map, was duly filed with the city clerk and accepted by the city of El Paso, Texas, in September, 1884. and is the only recognized official map of that addition, and under which many parties have vested rights.

The El Paso commercial Company, through its president, John A Merrill, presented to the city council, early in the year 1900, a map purporting to be in no wise different from that of the Satterthwaite addition map No 2, at points where no rights of purchasers have intervened. In its petition to the city council, asking that the last mentioned map be accepted, it is specifically stated "That this map is but the completion and fulfilment of said Satterthwaite's map No 2, which was of necessity left incomplete and uncertain in the western part on account of the topography of the country, and that the rights of no third parties are effected by the present proposed map"

It develops that a material change has been made at the intersection of North Santa Fe Street and Bouvelard Avenue, affecting blocks six and eight, by which the course of the Bouvelard avenue has been so changed (where no change could have legally been made because of prior vested rights) as to cut off more than six (6) feet of the East side of Bouvelard Avenue, thus throwing the west line of Block 6 practically in the middle of a tar and gravel sidewalk that has been laid and daily used by the public for the past ten or twelve years; and a street established and graded in all probability more than fifteen years ago, and laid out in exact accordance with the official map of Satterthwaite's addition

I have thoroughly investigated and tested the lines as laid down in the Satterthwaites map at this point and find that the map is mathematically correct, and that of the "Sunset Heights" in error

The official, made by J L Campbell, ex city engineer and adopted by the city council on the 29th day of November 1895, also corresponds with Satterthwaite's map No 2, at this point. In short, every map of record is in perfect accord at this point, with the single exception of the "Sunset Heights" map.

By actual survey, made in my presence, by County Surveyor, A H Parker, by request of Mr J J Mundy present Manager of the El Paso Commercial Company, at the points in question, it was demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Bouvelard avenue was

correctly laid out years ago in accordance with the official map No 2 of Satterthwaite's addition and that the map of the "Sunset Heights" addition attempts to change this Avenue.

This error is carried forward from this point into the lines of Block 8 & 10 west of North Santa Fe Street in the map and survey of said "Sunset Heights" addition; and when it reaches Prospect Avenue, the first street west of North Santa Fe street, along the lines of Upson Avenue where parties also have intervening rights, the discrepancy amounts to more than nine (9) feet.

Aside from the conflicts above mentioned there are numerous mathematical in-accuracies in the "Sunset Heights" map and survey, subdividing other blocks into lots, varing from a half foot to more than ten feet.

Upon thorough investigation it is clear to my mind that the fault is with the "Sunset Heights" map, ~~[illegible]~~ in making changes in blocks 6, 8 and 10 as above stated, where no changes could have been made by the said El Paso Commercial Company, and where parties have not only prior vested rights under map No 2 of Satterthwaites addition, but also where streets have been graded and sidewalks laid for twelve or fifteen years.

The facts above stated are sufficient to enlighten the Council upon the condition of affairs in the "Sunset Heights" addition, and that the proper remedy be applied before serious complications arise - they having already commenced

It was upon the recent applications of two parties, James Marr Jr. of the first National bank, and Mr W.E. Shark, of the W G Walz Company, to have some surveying done in the "Sunset Heights" addition that brought about the investigation that has lead up to this report. Prior to this time your Engineer had never been called upon to do any work in that addition, either by the El Paso Commercial Company, or any party to whom they had conveyed property, hence his lack of knowledge of the discrepencies and changes above mentioned.

In conclusion your engineer desires to state

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that he not only instituted investigation at once upon knowledge coming to him that conflicts existed between the map of the "Sunset Heights" addition, and that of the official map N° 2 of Satterthwaites addition, at points where there should have been no deviation from map N° 2 of Satterthwaites addition, but he at once went to the office of the El Paso Commercial company, and gave notice of these conflicts, and suggested that it would be better for them to cease making transfers of their properly in the "Sunset Heights" addition until the matter was properly adjusted.

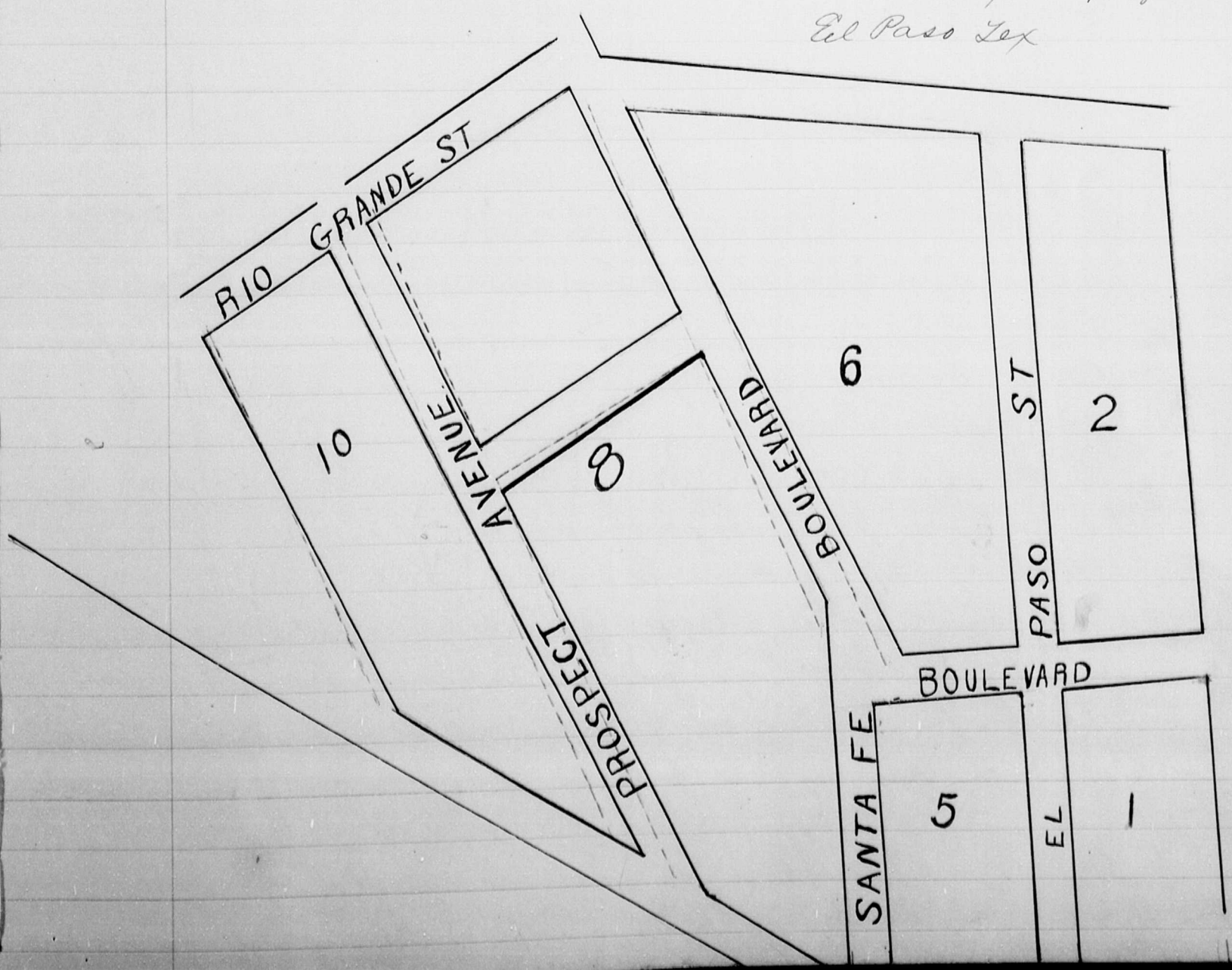
I was lead to believe that the company would do all it could to straighten the matter out, and for that reason have delayed this report, but I am reasonable certain at this time that there is no intention on the part of the commercial Company to make such an adjustment of this matter.

I append a sketch of said blocks 6, 8 and 10 showing them in black ink as laid out in Satterthwaites Map N° 2, with red ink, broken lines showing the effect of the changes above mentioned,

All of which is respectfully submitted

Geo C Wimberly City Engineer

El Paso Tex



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City Attorney Kemp recommended that the Street Improvement Committee in conjunction with the City Engineer be instructed to call upon the manager of the Commercial Company and deman him to prepare, and file a new and correct Map of the Sunset Heights Addition, the same to conform to the Satterthwaites Addition Map No. 2, at all points where parties have intervening rights. And in case the Company refuses to do this, that the City annull its action accepting the map of that addition now on file.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation of the City Attorney on the report of the City Engineer be adopted. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Street Maintenance Committee.

Acting Chairman Burton of the above Committee recommended that the petition of Martinez & Courschesne to make an opening in the Sidewalk on San Francisco Street in front of what is known as the Center Block building be granted, provided that said opening be kept closed only when being used, and that the City be held harmless from any and all accidents that might arise therefrom. On motion the recommendation was adopted.

Finance Committee.

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

Mrs. Sullivan,	For 745 meal for City prisoners,	$111.75
C. K. Lockart,	Cash advanced for hauling City prisoners	6.00
Street Commissioners weekly pay roll		46.00

On motion duly made the above bills were ordered paid.

Building Committee.

Chairman McDuffie recommended that the report of the City Clerk on Building permits issued by him for the months of October, November and December 1900 be received and filed. On motion it was so ordered.

Fire & Water Committee.

Chairman Brunner of the above Committee recommended that the petition asking for an Arc Light to be placed at the intersection of Rio Grande and Virginia Streets, be granted and the Clerk be instructed to notify the Electric Light Co. to place the same. On motion the recommendation was adopted.

Bills, Communications, Notices. Etc.

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

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The clerk read a petition from Thomas Booth complaining of the bad condition of a private sewer line between North Oregon and North El Paso, and asked that the same be abolished, and the sewer line be rebuilt by the city under the direction of the city Engineer. On motion the petition was refered to the City Engineer.

The clerk read a communication from the Board of Health notifying the Council that an invitation had been extended from the City Health officer of Galveston and Houston inviting the city Health offices of our city to attend a meting of City Health officers of the State of Texas to be held at Houston on the 12th of this month.
On motion the matter was refered to the Health Committee with power to act.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.
Approved.

B. B. Cahn
City Clerk.

Mayor.

Regular Meeting Thursday February 14th 1901

Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso Texas, Feby 14th 1901

The City Council met in regular session at 730 Oclock P. M. on the above day and date, with Mayor Magoffin present and presiding, and the following Aldermen answering to roll call: Badger, Brunner, Burton, Clifford, Grant, McDuffie and Stewart. 7 Absent: Alderman Ogden 1.

The minutes of a regular meting held February 7th 1901, were read and approved without correction.

Report from City Officers

The City Engineer submitted and read the following report:

El Paso Texas, Feby 14th 1901

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

Gentlemen:

It being apparent to my mind that the El Paso Commercial Company entertains doubt as to the conflicts and inaccuracies set forth in my report to your Hon. Body on Feby 7th, relative to the Sunset Heights Addition Map and Survey, and that of Map No. 2 of Satterthwaite's addition, I respectfully recommend that the Mayor be authorized to appoint a committee to be composed of two expert Engineers of known ability and reputation to check up the work at points of conflicts mentioned in said report; Also to make such other and further investigations as may be necessary for said Committee to ascertain the correctness or incorrectness of the statements made in said report.

While I am satisfied that my report of the 7th inst, correctly stated, the true conditions as they exists in the Map and Survey of the Sunset Heights Addition, I am also aware that no one is infallible, and that the report of such a committee would remove all doubt in question, and make the way clear for the future action of the Council. The City wants nothing but what is right, and I am led to believe that the El Paso Commercial Co. wants nothing but what is right, and I am sure that the City Engineer wants nothing but what is right, and right will wrong none of us. So the way out seems to be through the report of such a Committee as above mentioned.

Respectfully Submitted.
Geo. C. Wimberly
City Engineer.

It was moved and seconded that the report and recommendation of the City Engineer be adopted, and the

Mayor authorized to appoint the two experts. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Magoffin appointed, in compliance with the adoption of the report and recommendations of the City Engineer, G.R. Marshall, and A.H. Park as a committe to check up the errors made in the map of Sunset Heights Addition as has been reported by City Engineer Wimberly.

City Treasurer Fassett reported to the Council that there was about $8000.00 of interest bearing General Fund warrants drawn in favor of the El Paso Gas Electric Light & Power Co. and that he was about ready to call in the warrants for payment, would like for the Council to make some provision for the payment of the Interest. On motion duly made and carried the Treasurer was authorized and instructed to add the interest to the face of the warrants.

Finance Committee.

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

J. Vobber.	Shoeing horses & Repairing wagon for Pest house	6 00
El Paso Water Co.	Water furnished City Jany	824 93
Star Stables	hire horse & buggy at Small Pox	3 00
Frank Powers,	Rotary gong.	19 02
Kelly & Pollard	Drugs for Pest house	96 60
J.J. O'Neil,	Groceries for " "	20 60
El Paso Gas Electric L. P. Co.	Gas & Electric lights for City offices	16 10
A.K. Albers,	Stationary for City officers	2 40
G.A. Kaseman	Coal & wood City Hall	37 00
Hulls Printing house,	200 Police badges for Police	2 00
G.A. Kaseman	2 tons Coal Police Station	12 40
J. Stolaroff	Ribbon & Bunting " "	6 84
Western Union Tel. Co.	Time Service & Telegrams " "	13 17
El Paso Trans. Co.	Horse & Buggy Chief Police Jan.	15 00
Cassidy & Carnal	hauling Car pipe	6 00
Ballinger & Longwell	Freight on 4 Crts Lawn Brushes	5 32
T.H. Bennett.	Repairing City tools	10 70
Dunne & McCarthy,	Repairing Stand pipes	10 65
El Paso Trans. Co.	Horse & buggy St. Comr Jan	15 00
" " "	Sprinkling Cts. "	150 00
Street Commissioners	Weekly pay roll	63 50

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

Chairman Clifford also recommended that warrants be drawn on the following funds and for the following amounts, in favor of C. W. Jarrett, City Treasurer, for the redemption of Sewer bonds:

Sewer Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	$1542.78
Funded Indebtedness Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	" 2,000.00
Public School Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	" 1,000.00
Artesian Water Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	" 500.00

On motion the recommendation was adopted, and warrants ordered drawn.

Taxation Committee.

Chairman Stewart of the above Committee stated to the Council that he had checked off the report of the Assessor & Collector for the month of January, and that the report checked $15.00 short, and recommended that the report be refused back for correction.

On motion it was so ordered.

Bills, Communications, Notices &c.

The following Petition was read:

To the Mayor and City Council
of El Paso, Texas;

Gentlemen:- Your petitioner, Sallie E. Newman, shows that she has purchased the Southeast corner of Block 41 Mills' map of the City with the front of 110 feet on Texas Street by 130 feet on N. Campbell Street, and that there is three tax deeds on record from the Assessor and Collector of the City of El Paso for parts of said property sold by said Assessor to the City of El Paso for taxes for the year 1885, as follows:

First: Deed from A. Aguarra by James A. Ashford, tax Collector, dated the 16th day of Jan. 1886, and recorded in El Paso County records of deeds, etc. book 29, page 292 to 20½ feet on Texas Street by 120 feet on N. Campbell Street; taxes $3.50, Costs $5.00, aggregating $8.50

Second: Deed from unknown owner by said Ashford, Tax Collector, dated the 27th day of January 1886, and recorded in said records, book 29, page 392, for 10 feet on N. Campbell Street, by 146 feet deep beginning 230 feet South of the north line of block 41, thence South 10 ft.

Third: Deed from unknown owner by said Ashford, tax Collector, dated the Second day of February 1886, and recorded in said record, book 29, page 384, for 10 feet by 146 feet deep in block 41 beginning 130 feet South of the north line of Block 41, thence South 10 feet; taxes $1.75, Cost $5.00 Aggregating $6.75.

Your petitioner represents that the tax roller of El Paso

County show that the property in the first deed mentioned above was rendered by Mr. Fredrick E. Nelson, that the property described in the second deed above is a double assessment, and that the taxes for said year had been paid on this property by its owners; that the taxes and costs mentioned in the third deed have been repaid to the City Assessor and Collector and the property redeemed.

Your petitioner represents that a partition deed between the owners of said block, dated March 9th, 1887, and recorded in El Paso County records, book 14, page 11, states that it is understood and agreed between the parties to said deed that an alley 20 feet wide intersects the center of said Block 41 east and west and parallel with Texas Street; and that the property mentioned in the third deed above as redeemed includes the South half of of said alley; and your petitioner, in redeeming said property does not desire to in any way effect or destroy said alley, if the same exists.

Your petitioner therefore requests that your Honorable Body adopt the accompanying resolution directing the Mayor to release to your petitioner the property described in said three tax deeds.

Respectfully Submitted.

Edwards & Edwards, Attorneys for
Dallie E. Newman.

On motion duly made and carried the above petition was referred to the City Attorney in conjunction with the Mayor and City Engineer.

A petition was read asking the Council to have the Sewer extended from Second Street Northerly through the alley of Block 146 across First Street, and through the alley of Block 200 to Overland Street.

On motion the petition was referred to the Sewer Commissioner.

The Clerk read a petition from Simon Kinsella asking the Council to have the gutter from alley east of the Orndorff Hotel to Stanton Street cut down to the established grade of the Street, as soon as possible, as the present condition of the gutter was a damage to his property.

On motion the Street Commissioner was instructed to attend to the matter under the direction of the City Engineer.

The following petition was read:

El Paso, Texas, Feby. 14th, 1901

To the Hon. Mayor & City Council:

We the undersigned living

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the owners of all the property lying on both sides of Newman Street between Magoffin and Myrtle avenues, do respectfully petition your honorable body to grade and improve the said Newman street, between the avenues designated.

It being respectfully suggested that the aforesaid improvements be made in the same manner in which similar improvements were made upon the same street between Myrtle avenue and Texas street.

Praying that you grant this our petition we are

Jno L Ramsey
Mary Burrows Ramsey. Mrs Fred S Thompson
J A Rowling. P Michero for E Michero.

The foregoing petitioners have each agreed to pay their proportional share of the expenses of the improvements in front of their respective properties

J L Ramsey

On motion duly made and carried the above petition was referred to the Street Improvement Committee.

New Business.

City Electrician Pincoras state to the Council that he had prepared a moon schedule by which the arc lights should burn and suggested that a copy be given the mounted night Police so that they might be able to take due note of all lights out. On motion a copy of the schedule was ordered given the mounted night Police.

On motion duly made and carried the matter of attending to the flushing and testing all fire hydrants was turned over to the Chief of the Fire Department instead of the Chief of Police as heretofore.

Alderman Badger suggested that it would be a good idea for the City to have constructed Street crossings where the same was needed, whereupon, after some discussion the matter was referred to the Street Improvement Committee.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved

B. B. Cathis
City Clerk

Mayor.

Regular Meeting Thursday Febmary 21st 1901

Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso Texas, Feby 21st 1901

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, Brumm, Burton, Clifford, Grant, McDuffie, and Stewart. 7. Absent: Alderman Ogden, who was excused.

Reports from City Officers.

City Engineer Kimberly submitted and read the following Report:

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

Gentlemen: I desire to call the attention of the Council to the fact that the gutters along many of our graded Struts are filled up with mud and other debris to elevations in many places above that of the curb or sidewalk, whereas the bottom or flow line of the gutter should be at least eight (8) inches below the top of the curb, or sidewalk at curb line.

We have some twelve or fifteen Struts that have been graded officially, and in many places sidewalks and curbing have been placed, but mud has accumulated from time to time, and is now from three (3) inches to eight (8) inches thick on the finished grades of some of these Struts. This is not noticible except during rainy seasons, as the surface of the Struts is hard at other times.

This accumulation of mud has been in progress for many years, the work of grading of most of our Struts having been done in the early nineties. The curbing in many places along the graded Struts is entirely worthless because of decay, and should be replaced on the gutter side of the sidewalk, otherwise it will be impracticable to maintain the gutter and protect the adjacent property from the storm water overflows.

If the curbing is made available for the purpose for which it is intended, and the gutters cleaned of the accumulated mud for a width of some four (4) feet or five (5) feet, down to the concrete capping, on the graded Struts, much relief could be had, especially in the central and business portions of the City, where the placing of Strut crossings is now in contemplation.

I respectfully recommend that the Council give this matter due consideration while considering other Strut improvements. Respectfully submitted. George W. Kimberly.
City Engineer.

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here ✓ On motion duly made and carried the recommendation and report was refund to the Strut Improvment Committee.

Police Committee.

Chairman Burton of the above committie submitted the Report of the Chief of Police for the month of Jan. showing fines collected by him for said month to be $1836.00, and showing settlement for same by City Treasurers reciepts. No. 934 for $798.80 No. 928 for and $1004.50, and J.W. Johnson Reciept for 32.70, making a total of $1836.00, and stated that the report had been checked with the Recorders Docket and found correct, and recommended that the same be recived and filed. On motion it was so ordered.

Finance Committee.

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

Henry Falconer	478 lbs Blue Stone 1 Doz Jars	Fire Dept	37 11
Star Stables	Teams & wagons &c. work		7 00
El Paso Transfer Co.	" " " "		17 50
" " " "	Horse & Buggy 2½ days		7 50
A. H. Parker	Expert work on Sunset Lights Acct		25 00
G. N. Marshall	" " " " " "		25 00
International L. & P. Co.	Arc lights for Jan.		42 158
El Paso Gas Electric L. & P. Co.	Electric lights	Fire Dept	14 00
El Paso Water Co.	Water Jan	" "	4 80
G. A. Kaseman	Coal for (2 tons)	" "	14 48
C. C. Kifer	1 Register	" "	75
Howard McPhetridge	Groceries	" "	10 05
Campbell & Grayson	Drugs	" "	2 00
Tuttle Paint & Glass Co.	Paints &c	" "	31 85
Henry Britton	Shoeing horses Jan.	" "	12 00
Buchanan & Owen	2 Cot rounds	" "	75
El Paso Times	7 lines local	" "	70
El Paso Foundry & Mch. Co.	Work	" "	1 00
O. G. Burton,	Feed for horses Jan.	" "	68 75
T. H. Springer	Mattress	" "	2 50
Consumers Ice Co.	Ice for City Hall Jan.		3 05
Shelton Payne Arms Co.	Mdse	" "	5 45
El Paso Daily News	500 Blank Oaths		6 50
Hulls Printing House	Treasurers Register		22 65
J. R. Harper, County Judge.	Care City Prisoners. Sept. Oct. Nov. & Dec.		3 28 15
Rivera Cons. Weekly Pay roll			6.00
Strut " " " "			74.00

On motion the above bills were ordered paid.

Chairman Clifford also recommended that warrants be drawn on the following fund for the following amounts to redeem El Paso Sewer Bonds issued in 1887:

Public School Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	$1000.00
Sewer Extension & Improvement Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	"1000.00
City Hall & Fire Department Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	"500,00
El Paso City School Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	"500,00
Funded Indebtedness Bonds Sinking & Interest "	"500,00
Sewer Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	"500,00
Artesian Water Bonds Sinking & Interest fund	"1000,00
Contingent Funds	"49,58

On motion duly made and carried the recommendations was adopted and Clerk instructed to draw warrants as recommended.

Special Committee.

City Attorney Kemp Chairman of the above Committee recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized and directed to execute a deed releasing to Sallie E. Newman, all the interest that the City of El Paso has by virtue of the hereinafter mentioned tax titles in and to the following described portion of Block 41, Anson Mills map of this City:

First: All the rights acquired by the City under a tax deed from A. Aguara by James A. Ashford, Tax Collector, dated the 16th day of January, 1886, and recorded in book 29, page 292, El Paso County Records of deeds, etc conveying 20-½ feet on Texas Street by 120 feet on Campbell Street.

Second: All the rights the City of El Paso acquired under deed from unknown owner by said Ashford, Collector, dated the 27th day of January, 1886, and recorded in said records, book 29, page 392, conveying 10 feet on Campbell Street by 146 feet deep beginning 230 feet South of the North line of said Block 41; thence South 10 feet.

Third: All the rights the City of El Paso acquired under deed from unknown owner by said Ashford, Collector, dated the second day of February 1886, and recorded in said records, book 29, page 384, conveying 10 feet by 146 feet deep in said Block 41, beginning 130 feet South of the North line of said Block 41; thence South 10 feet.

Reserving however to the City all the rights that this City or its inhabitants have in and to an alley running East and West through the Center of said Block 41.

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

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The following report from the two Experts appointed by the Mayor to check up the Sunset Heights Additions is as follows:

El Paso Texas. Feby 16th 1901.

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

Gentlemen: Your Committee appointed to examine and check up the calculations made by your City Engineer to ascertain whether or not the Statements made in his report to your Hon. Body on the 7th day of Febmary, 1901, relative to map of the Sunset Heights Addition are correct or not, beg leave to report as follows; to-wit: That we have carefully gone over the said calculations, and find the Statements made by your City Engineer in said report are correct, and we find further that the said map of Sunset Heights Addition is not in conformity with map "No. 2" of the Satterthwaite's Addition at points where there should be no diversion, and the vested rights acquired under Satterthwaite's map "No. 2" are interfered with.

Respectfully Submitted.

E. N. Marshall, A. H. Parsons.

On motion the above report was ordered referred to the Street Improvement Committee.

Bills, Communications, Notices Etc.

The Clerk read the following Communication from the Fire Department:

El Paso, Texas, Febmary 21st 1901

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council,
Gentlemen:

At a regular meeting of the officers and Directors of the Fire Department held Feby. 15th, there was considerable discussion over the burning of the Pierson Hotel on the night of the 13th, and of the condition of our one steam fire engine, and it was unanimously agreed to advise your Hon. Body of the condition of said engine, which is as follows:

The action of the water has eaten the tubes and shell badly. The boiler is in very bad condition and dangerous. It will have to have a new boiler entire, and by getting an up-to-date pattern of boiler could still be made a good engine, but in the condition it is now in, it is nearly useless. And we wish to mention that, as it is advised and expected by fire insurance companies, that city have at least one steam fire engine to each ten thousand inhabitants, in order to keep down the fire insurance rates, therefore we would respectfully ask of your honorable body that

you purchase for this department one new No. 1 steam fire engine of latest improved pattern, at once.

We would suggest a Metropolitan or La France.

Then have our present engine put in thorough repair, as it is not only nearly useless as it is, but is very dangerous to use it in its present condition

Respectfully submitted

John Julian President
Frank Powers Chief
W T Nixon Secretary

Moved and seconded that the above communication be refered to the Fire & Water Committee, President, and Chief of the Fire Department with power to act, as to the purchase of a new Engine and the repairing of the old engine. Motion carried.

The Clerk read a petition signed by Mrs. L.M. Bell and Mrs A.P. Coles by A.P. Coles agent, asking the Council to allow him some reduction on the Pierson Hotel Property, on account of Fire.

On motion duly made and carried the above petition was received and filed.

The Clerk read a petition signed by W.E. Porter, L.D. Burton et al, asking the Council to extend the Sewer through the alley in Block 2 Monhad's Addition and Block 223 Campbells addition.

On motion the petition was refered to the Strut Improvement Committee.

New Business

The matter of testing the Arc lights furnished the City by the International Light and Power Co. was refered to the Fire and Water Committee and City Electrician, to ascertain what amount of light the city was receiving.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved

B.S. Catlin
City Clerk

Mayor.