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Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso Texas Feby 1st 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, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Kitt, Look and Rand, 8, absent none,

Report of Officers.

City Attorney Burges read and submitted the following communication.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council

Report of City Atty relating to injunction of G.A. Bahnert

I hand you herewith a contract which I have prepared providing for a dissolution of the injunction which is now standing in the way of the improvement of San Francisco St, in front of the Union Depot.

This Agreement calls for a moderate Expenditure at this time on the part of the city to construct necessary retaining walls in front of the Bahnert property, which sums are to be credited to the city in case of judgment against it or partly repaid to the City in case plaintiffs should fail to recover damages in their suit. The contract has been signed by Mr Bahnert and wife and the Union Depot Company subject to your ratification of same.

I respectfully recommend that the mayor be authorized to sign the Contract on behalf of the City and that the Street and Grade Committee be authorized to construct said retaining wall.

(signed) Richard F Burges
City Atty.

On Motion made and duly carried the recommendations of the City Attorney was ordered carried out and the mayor authorized to sign said Contract.

Contract between City & G.A. Bahnert

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

This Tripple Agreement made and entered into this 31st day of January, 1906, by and between the City of El Paso, party of the first part, and the Union Passenger Depot Company of El Paso, party of the second part, and G. A. Bahnert joined by his wife, Mrs. G.A. Bahnert and Paul Keating, parties of the third part,

over

Witnesseth:

That in consideration of valuable considerations moving to each of them and in consideration, of the reciprocal obligations and undertakings herein assumed and agreed upon, the undersigned respectfully agree and bind themselves as follows, to wit:

1st - The parties of the third part agree that the injunction heretofore issued by the 34th Judicial District Court in and for El Paso County, Texas, in the case of G. A. Bahnert et ux Vs. Richard Caples et als, and numbered 4900 on the docket of said Court, shall be by all parties forthwith dissolved and the exhibition to said Court of a copy of this agreement shall be full warrant and authority to said Court to dissolve said injunction.

2nd - That the City of El Paso shall have the right to forthwith raise the grade of San Francisco Street in said City to the grade recommended by the City Engineer of said City.

3rd. That the City of El Paso shall forthwith build and construct a wall along the Southerly line of said San Francisco Street where same runs in front of the premises of the parties of the third part in block 171, according to the official map of said City, said wall to be constructed by the City at its own expense and on the land of the parties of the third part, and to be of sufficient strength and thickness to support the wall of a brick four story building, and the said parties of the third part shall have the perpetual right to the use of such wall as a basement wall for any building or buildings which they may place on said premises, and for the purpose of constructing such retaining wall the City of El Paso, through its agents, shall have the right to remove such portion of the front wall of the building as may be necessary to construct said wall, such removal to be made at the cost of the City and City to protect said building from unnecessary damage caused by such removal.

4th. - The City of El Paso shall at the same time construct in front of said basement wall and on the side walk line twelve (12) feet in front of said basement wall, a wall of sufficient strength to support the pressure of the earth from the street and to support a side walk, which wall is designated as City wall No. 2.

5th. - As soon as said two walls above mentioned are Complete

the parties of the third part shall forthwith and without delay build and construct over said area way, or space between said two walls, a good cement sidewalk, twelve (12) feet in width and running the full length of the frontage of said property on San Francisco street, and twelve feet (12) beyond, on the west provided said parties of the third part shall have the right to place one (1) iron door and as many glass sky lights in said walk as they may desire to light the basement under such walk, said walk to be constructed by said parties of the third part at their own expense.

6th.- The Union passenger Depot Company will forthwith build and construct along the length of the westerly line of said premises of the parties of the third part, and twelve (12) feet distance therefrom, a good and sufficient retaining wall for the eastern wall of the Union Depot Park; and whenever the parties of the third part shall construct a cement sidewalk along the westerly line of their property, they shall have the right to use said retaining wall as a support for such sidewalk.

7th.- It is mutually agreed that this agreement shall not be held to be a waiver on the parties of the third part of their claims for damages against either the City of El Paso or the Union Passenger Depot Company or the firm of Caples, Powers & O'Connor, parties set forth in the above styled and numbered cause; nor shall this agreement in any way affect the rights of the party of the third part, or either of them, in said suit, and it is especially agreed that this agreement shall not be used as evidence of the rights or of the relinquishment of rights, or claims for damages done by said parties of the first and second parts, or by said firm of Caples, Powers & O'Connor to the land of said parties of the third part, or either of them, in the trial of any suit brought or to be brought against any of the parties to said suit No. 4900; but said suit for damages shall remain unabated on the docket of said Court, to be hereafter called for trial and hearing. But in the event of a judgment in favor of plaintiffs in said suit for a sum greater than the cost of the two walls to be constructed by said City, then the City of El Paso shall be credited, as a payment upon such judgment, with the fair and reasonable cost of construction of said two walls; but in the event that the judgment in favor of plaintiffs therein shall be for a less sum than the cost of constructing said two walls, then

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the parties of the third part shall and will pay to the said City the cost of constructing said City wall No 2 and retain forever the use and ownership of said basement wall free of all expense.

In witness Whereof the City of El Paso, acting by and through Chas. Davis, Mayor, thereunto authorized, and the Union Passenger Depot Company, acting through J. H. Simmons, President thereof, thereunto authorized, and the parties of the third part have hereunto set their names this 31st day of January 1906.

The City of El Paso
By Chas Davis Mayor
The Union Passenger Depot Company
By H. J. Simmons President
Geo A Bahnert
Rosalie Bahnert

City Atty read the following "An Ordinance Designating Sidewalk District No. 2. and requiring the Construction of Current Side walks therein, in the City of El Paso,

Ordinance Creating Side walk District No 2

Alderman Look moved that the ordinance be adopted which was duly seconded.

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, Dewel, Grant, Hammeth, Kett, Look and Rand. 8. Nays none, Absent none.

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

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

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

Section 1.

That the territory embraced within the following boundaries in the City of El Paso, Texas, be and the same is hereby designated as Sidewalk District No. 2. and that the boundaries thereof shall be as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the point where the northerly line of W. Franklin Street intersects the easterly line of New San Francisco Street; thence in an easterly direction along the northerly line of W Franklin Street to its intersection with the westerly line of N Santa Fe Street; thence in a northerly direction along the westerly line of N Santa

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Fe street to its intersection with the northerly line of Boulevard; thence in an easterly direction along the northerly line of Boulvard to its intersection with the westerly line of N El Paso street; thence in a northerly direction along the westerly line of N El Paso Street to its intersection with the northerly of Rio Grande street; thence in an easterly direction along the northerly line of Rio Grande Street to its intersection with the westerly line of N Oregon street; thence in a northerly direction along the westerly line of N Oregon Street to its intersection with the northerly line of Arizona Street; thence in an Easterly direction along the northerly line of Arizona Street to its intersection with the easterly line of N Campbell street; thence in a southerly direction along the easterly line of N Campbell street to its intersection with the Southerly line of E Franklin street; thence in a westerly direction along the southerly line of E Franklin and W Franklin streets to the easterly line of New San Francisco street; thence to the point of beginning.

Section 2

That it shall be and is hereby made the duty of Each and every person, firm, corporation or association of persons owning any real estate within the City of El Paso which abuts upon any portion of any street within such district above defined, to forthwith and within thirty days after notice from the Mayor of the City of El Paso as hereinafter provided to construct and build or have constructed and built along, in front of or by the side of such premises or real estate when the same abuts upon any portion of any street within said district, a cement side walk and curb, which said side walk and curb shall be of Cement and of the dimensions provided in the next succeeding section of this ordinance.

Section 3

The side walk and curb required by this ordinance shall extend along the whole length or width as the case may be of any land abutting on any portion of any street within said district, provided that the owner of any land on the Corner of any block or at the intersection of two streets shall construct or have constructed such side walk and curb along both streets on which such land abuts. The Curb lines required shall be placed not less than ten feet in front of and distant

from the private property line of the property along which same is constructed and in the space intervening between said Curb and property line there shall be laid a Cement Sidewalk Not less than six feet in width, and in the intervening space between the Curb and the sidewalk or the sidewalk and property line, if any, shall be planted in grass.

Section 4.

All sidewalks constructed under this ordinance shall be constructed upon the official grade as defined and given by the City Engineer of the City of El Paso and the official grade of any sidewalk so required to be built, will be furnished to the applicant therefor upon application at the office of the City Engineer without Charge therefor.

Section 5.

As speedily as may be after the passage, approval and publication of this ordinance the Mayor of the City of El Paso shall give notice in writing to the owner of each and every piece of land abutting on any portion of a street within the district above defined, or if the owner cannot be found within the City of El Paso, then such notice may be served upon his agent or representative, requiring such owner or his agent or representative to construct such sidewalk and curb, which notice shall contain in substance a copy of this ordinance and shall be signed by the Mayor of the City of El Paso and attested by the City Clerk with the seal of the City, and shall be served by the Chief of Police or any police officer of the City of El Paso, who shall serve the same by delivering to such owner named in such notice, or in the event of his absence from the City, to his agent or representative, and he shall make return under oath to the City Clerk of the City of El Paso showing the date and upon whom such notice was served. If such owner be a firm, corporation or association, then said notice may be served by delivering to any member of said firm, or to the president or secretary, Manager or local agent of such corporation or association, or to the president, Chairman or secretary of its board of directors, or other governing board as the case may be.

Section 6

If any person, firm, Corporation or association of persons which is or may be required under this ordinance to construct a sidewalk or Curb, shall fail to construct or have constructed

such sidewalk or curb for thirty days after he shall have been served with notice to construct same as herein provided, he shall be deemed guilty of a mesdemeanor and upon conviction in the Corporation Court shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars and not more than one hundred dollars, provided that each and every day such sidewalk or curb shall remain uncompleted after the expiration of such thirty days shall constitute a seperate offence

Section 7.

That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and approved this the 1st day of Feby 1906.

Attest

Percy McElhen
City Clerk

Charles Davis
Mayor

Police Committee.

Report of Chief Police for Dec filed

Chairman Hitt to whom was referred the Dec report of the Chief of Police recommended that it be received and filed.

Collections police headquarters	$330.00
" Fine Collector	845.00
Total	1175.00
Less Com paid Fine Collector & Asst City Atty	105.25
Total paid Treasurer as shown by receipt No 1693	$1069.75

on motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Street & Grade Com

Petition of D E McDuffie sidewalk grade

Chairman Fewel to whom was referred the following petition recommend that it be granted.

El Paso Texas Jan 15th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

I hereby petition your Hon body to give me the grade on Cor Second and St Vrain Streets for a cement side walk.

Respectfully submitted

D. E. McDuffie

on motion the petition was granted.

Chairman Fewel to whom was referred the following petition

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recommended that it be granted

El Paso Texas January 18th 1906

Petition of C.L. Pomeroy for sidewalk grade

To the Hon Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen;

I wish to build cement walks on Rio Grande St, and Mesa Ave, abutting lots 1 & 2 and 8 ft of 3, block 66 Hart's add and would respectfully request that grades be given me.

Very Respectfully

C.L. Pomeroy

on motion the petition was granted.

Street Grade Com empowered to act relative Block of granite

Chairman Fewel to whom was refered the communication from the Chamber of Commerce relative to the block of granite in Pioneer Plaza asked that the City Council take some action on the matter Ald Badger moved that the communication be refered back to the Street Grade Committee with power to act.

The motion was duly carried.

Petition of Patterson & Wallace relative to blocking San Friso St

Chairman Fewel to whom was refered the petition of Patterson and Wallace relative to blockading San Francisco St by the A.T. & S.F. Ry Co recommended that it be refered to City Attorney.

on motion the petition was refered to the City attorney.

Chairman Fewel to whom was refered the following petition recommended that it be granted

El Paso Texas Jan 20th 1906

Petition of W.E. Porter Grade in Sunset Heights

To the Hon Mayor and City Council, El Paso Texas

Gentlemen:

I am building one 11 room brick house and one 8 room house on lots and fractional lots 100 to 105, block 8 Sunset Heights, and asking your hon body to give me grade on said alley in block, same, so I can establish a pass way in and out of said lots.

Hoping you will give this your earliest attention.

I am yours Respt

W.E. Porter.

on motion the petition was granted.

Chairman Fewel to whom was refered the following petition recommended that it be granted.

El Paso Texas Jan 22nd 1906.

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To the Hon Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen,

Petition of Western Const Co. Grade for sidewalk.

We the undersigned Contractors petition your Hon Body to establish grade for Cement side walk on Corner of Brown and Boulevard streets in front of property owned by F. N. Buck.

Respectfully submitted
Western Construction Co

on motion the petition was granted.

Ald Hitt + Caples empowered to build wall on Bahnert property

Chairman Fewel moved that Aldermen Hitt and Caples be empowered to enter into Contract for Construction of stone walls on San Francisco street in front of G. A. Bahnert property as per Contract of the City.
on motion being duly seconded, was carried.

Deed to strip of land on San Antonio + Campbell St

Leigh Clark Atty for the El Paso Street Ry Co submitted a deed to piece of property on Cor San Antonio + Campbell streets for the widening of San Antonio street, and also permission to close alley back of Power house.
on motion the deed was refered to Street + Grade Com.

Finance Committee

Chairman Rand to whom was refered the following pay rolls and bill recommended that they be allowed and ordered paid

Payrolls for Jan 1906	Payroll Street + Grade Dept for week ending Feby 1st	$395.00
	" Fire Dept for month Jan	95.00
	" Engineering Dept " "	308.00
	" Police " " "	2694.65
	" City Official " " "	1776.65
	" Sewer " " "	366.10
	" Health " " "	412.60
	Mrs J. T. Sullivan Feeding city prisoners	132.15
Park Allowance	Mrs B. F. Hammett Park Maintenance	100.00
Library Allowance	El Paso Public Library allowance for Feby	200.00

On motion the abov payrolls and bills were allowed and ordered paid.

Taxation Committee.

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following

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petition recommended that it be granted.

El Paso Texas Jan 17th 1906

Petition of Ewald Kipp reduction in taxes

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

Gentlemen;

I respectfully call your attention to the City assessment of lots 19 + 20 in block 73 Magoffin, for the year 1905 and would state that I purchased said lots from Mr Ed Johnson and find that they were not rendered for taxes, but were placed on the unrendered roll at a valuation of $800.00.

There are no improvements on the property at all, except a little frame shack of about 10 x 12 feet, and I think that a full valuation for said property on the first of January 1905 would be $600.00. I was not aware that the property was assessed at $800.00 until I learned the same by enquiry at the City assessors office in regards to my taxes a few days ago, and I respectfully ask that the valuation of said lots be reduced to $600.00.

Respectfully
Ewald Kipp
By his Attorneys
Edwards & Edwards

on motion the petition was granted and taxes reduced

Petition of G.F. Stafford reduction of taxes

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

El Paso, Texas, Jany 15th 1906

To the Hon City Council of the City of El Paso Texas.

Gentlemen

I would respectfully request your Hon body that you reduce my assessment on lots 1 & 2 block 81 Magoffin's addition to the City of El Paso, Texas, from $800.00 to $600.00, as $600.00 is a fair reduction and it has been assessed at that for the last four or five years.

Respectfully yours
G. F. Stafford.

on motion the petition was granted.

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that it be granted + reduced to $25.00.00.

El Paso, Texas, Jan 15th 1906

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

Gentlemen

Petition of B.F. Stevens reduce taxes

I respectfully ask that the valuation on lots 7+8 block 63 Franklin Heights add be lowered from $3000.00, much better houses in the same block are assessed at a lower valuation, and have not been raised.

The valuation last year was $2500.00 The County valuation this year is only $2000.00 which is the same as last year. As the matter stands at present there is a difference in valuation between City and County of $1000.00

Yours truly
B. F. Stevens

on motion the petition was granted.

Petition of J.H. Coons for refund of taxes

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

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

J.H. Coons, on his own behalf, and A.P. Coles & Bros on their own behalf, and as agents for W.H. Reynolds, all being citizens of El Paso, Texas, respectfully represent to your Hon body as follows:

On the first day of January 1905 and up to June 1905, W.H. Reynolds was owner of lots fourteen to twenty one exclusive (14-21) in block seventy six (76) Franklin Heights addition, according to the second supplemental map of said addition said City.

Said A.P. Coles & Bros rendered said property for taxation as agent of said Reynolds, at a valuation of six hundred dollars, which was a fair valuation for said property at the time of accruing of said taxes.

In June 1905, said Coles sold said property to said Coons, agreeing on behalf of said Reynolds that the grantor would pay taxes for 1905.

Said Coons thereafter, in rendering his property for taxation, included said aforementioned property, valuing it at $1200.00.

In January 1906, when said Coons came to pay his City taxes, he was authorized by said Coles, as agent for said Reynolds to pay taxes on said property, said Coles agreeing, on behalf of said Reynolds to refund to said Coons the taxes so to be paid on said lots.

Whereupon said Coons, not knowing that said property had

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been rendered on behalf of said Reynolds at $600.00 which said valuation was duly accepted by the Hon Board of Equalization as a fair valuation, paid on his own valuation of $1200.00; the city tax so paid being $22.32, whereas on said valuation of $600.00 the city tax properly chargable against said property was but $11.16.

Therefor the said petitioners respectfully pray your honorable body to refund to said Reynolds the said Eleven dollars and sixteen cents $11.16.

J A Coons
A. P. Coles & Bros

on motion the above petition was granted and ordered paid.

Communications

Petition of Local Ins agents, storing Explosive oils

Clerk read petition of Local Insurance agent relative to storing Explosive oils in Fire limits.
on motion the petition was refered to ordinance Com

Petition of W.S. Stone & Co for patrolman

Clerk read petition of W.S. Stone & Co requesting the establishing of patrol beat on Texas street.
on motion the petition was refered to Police Com.

Petition of V.R. Stiles sidewalk Grade

Clerk read petition of V.R. Stiles for sidewalk grade on Montana St
on motion the petition was refered to Street & Grade Com.

Petition of Frank Powers for Grade

Clerk read petition of Frank Powers for official grade on Mesa Ave
On motion the petition was refered to Street & Grade Com.

Petition of Meliton Concha reduction in taxes

Clerk read petition of Meliton Concha for reduction in taxes
on motion the piletion was refered to taxation Com.

Petition of Jesus Gutierez reduce taxes

Clerk read petition of Jesus Gutierez for reduction of taxes.
On motion the petition was refered to Taxation Com

Petition of J.J. Longwell sewer ext

Clerk read petition of J.J. Longwell for sewer extension
on motion the petition was refered to Sanitary Com

Petition of Union Depot Fire Hydrant

Clerk read petition of El Paso Union Pass Depot Co for Fire Hydrant
on motion the petetion was refered to Fire & Water Com.

Clerk read the following petition

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

Gentlemen.

Petition of Volney M Brown relating to obstructing Seventh or Canal St

Your petitioner, complaining of Alberto Andrada and one Rivas, whose given name is to your petitioner unknown, but which he believes to be Pedro, represents and shows;—

That he represents certain property owners at the intersection of Chihuahua and seventh streets in the City of El Paso, Texas.

That the parties of whom he now comes complaining occupy with their houses and buildings certain portions of Chihuahua Seventh, and Canal streets, according to the map of the Santa Fe Addition to the City of El Paso, Texas, which has been approved by the City Council;

The said parties have a fence built surrounding the property or land which they occupy at said point and have encroached upon seventh street about seven feet, blocking up almost entirely at the entrance from seventh street to Canal street and a portion of Chihuahua street north of the north line of seventh street.

Hereto attached and made a part hereof is a plat showing the location of the land occupied by said parties, the immediate tract occupied by them being shown as near as may be in red ink.

Considering the premises your petitioner respectfully prays that this petition be referred to the City Attorney and the proper committee for their recommendation.

Respectfully submitted
Volney M Brown
Attorney for Property Owners

On motion duly made and carried the Chief of Police was instructed to clear out the obstructions.

Unfinished Business

Alderman Badger moved that the following officers of the El Paso Fire Dept for the year 1906 be confirmed. the motion was duly seconded.

Officers of Fire Dept Confirmed

The mayor ordered the vote upon the confirmation of the officers of the El Paso Fire Dept to be taken by roll call, which when taken resulted as follows. Yeas, Badger

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Caples, Pearl, Grant, Hammett, Hett, Look and Rand. 8 Nays, none absent none.

Whereupon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of Confirmation the same be and is hereby Confirmed.

The names of officers above refered to is as follows, to wit:

J. B. Badger President, A A Howard 1st Vice President, D W Reckhart 2nd vice President, C. W. Fassett 3rd vice President, J C Lackland 4th vice President, P. W. McGhee 5th vice President, Chas Kramer Chief, J. E. Hood 1st Asst Chief, C. W. McKenzie 2nd Asst Chief, H. T. Hixson secretary, Dan Kelly Treasurer,

Fire Police C. W. MacKenzie, Grant Amsa, Harris Knipp, Orville Jones, J. R. Sides, Dave Andrews, H. G. Holz, Chas Schutz, Jno M Kelly, John Jacoby, Wm Schacker, C M Whitaker, Godfrey Brockelhurst, John Sweeney.

"New Business"

City Clerk instructed to notify S C Marks relative to sidewalks

On motion the City Clerk was instructed to notify Supt Marks of the G. H. Ry Co to fix side walks over ditch across Santa Fe Street.

There being no further business before the City Council the Council adjourned

approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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Council Chamber, City Hall.
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Council met in regular session on the above day and date at 7.30 oclock P.M. Mayor Davis present & presiding, and the following aldermen answering to roll call. Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hitt, Look and Raud. 7. absent Hancock.
On Motion the reading of the minuts of last regular was passed over until next regular meeting.

"Report of Officers"

Report of City Electrician for Nov, Dec & Jan

Clerk read the following reports of the City Electrician for the months of November & December 1905 and for Jan 1906.

Month of Novmber with Treasurs receipt no 1803 attached		$49.00
" " Dember " " " " 1804 "		40.55
" " January " " " " 1805 "		28.55

On Motion the above reports were received and filed

Report of Plumbing Inspector for Jan

Plumbing Inspector submitted the following report.

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

I beg to hand you herewith my report for the month of January 1906. During said month I have made 38 inspections and Collected $16.50 as per Treasurers receipt attached

Yours Respectfully
V. E. Luehorn
Plumbing Inspector.

on motion the above report was recind and filed.

Report of City Clerk for Jan Building permits

City Clerk read and submitted his report for the month of January

Total number of receipts 18		
" " " " 15 at $1.00		$15.00
" " " " 3 " .50		1.50
Total amount Collected		16.50
25 % Commisson on $16.50		4.15
Settlement by Treasurer receipt No 1802		12.35

On Motion the above report was recind and ordered filed.

Clerk read and submitted the following report.

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Report of City Clerk Collections for Jan

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

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report as follows upon cash receipts for the month of January, 1906, other than building permits.

To cover warrant for half rate ticket to St Louis	$18.90
" " " " " " " " San Antonio	9.30
" " " " " " " " Trinidad Colo	10.35
" " " " " " " " Berkley Calif	20.00
Costs in tax suit, lots 66 & 67, Block 10 Sutherlands Add	4.00
Fumigation Collections from Dr Anderson	6.00
Donation a/c Charity from Mrs Baldwin	25.00
Costs in Cause No 4126 City Vs Unknown Owners (Tax suit)	3.40
Total	$96.95

Respectfully Submitted,
Perry McGhee
City Clerk

On motion the above report was received and filed.

Petitions of Stiles, Wadington Powers & Carnie Referred

"Street and Grade"

Chairman Fewel to whom was referred the petitions of Franks Powers, J.G. Wadlington, A.E. Carnie, U.R. Stiles, for Grades recommended that they be granted provided that the City Engineer give grade for curbs on both sides of street the same level.

Alderman Caples moved that the above petitions be refered to the City Engineer and Engineer Garvin for investigation, the motion was duly seconded and carried.

"Finance Committee"

Bills for Month of Jan

Chairman Reed recommended the following be allowed and ordered paid.

A.P. Coles & Bros	Premium on Bond	7.50
Pomroy Transfer Co	Horse & Buggy Sanitary Dept	15.00
Library Allowance	Bal on Library Allowance	25.00
W.U. Tel Co	Telegrams	1.87
Monsam & Co	Supplies Sewer Dept	1.45
Pomroy Transfer Co	Hauling pipe " "	5.00
T.H. Bennett	Blacksmithing " "	4.00
Pomroy Transfer Co	Hauling pipe " "	8.50
Ellis Bros	Printing " "	4.50

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Major & Fewel	Fuel & Feed	Post House	50 50
J.J. Longwell	Hack hire	Sanitary	1 50
Kelly & Pollard	Drugs	"	6 80
" "	"	Post House	4 50
" "	"	Hospital	8 40
" "	"	Post House	5 85
Ed Cummings	painting & repairs	" "	25 00
Howard McPhetridge Co	Groceries	" "	22 87
Stetter & Schneider	Meat	" "	8 45
Pomroy Transfer Co	Blacksmithing	" "	20 00
Ellis Bros	Printing	Sanitary	5 20
H Krouse	making Keys	City Hall	1 00
Santa Fe Fuel Co	Fuel	" "	14 00
Consumers Ice Co	Ice	" "	1 65
Welch & Co	Repairing	" "	2 00
Tom Spiny	Towel Supply	" "	75
Grayson Drug Store	Floor oil	" "	2 00
Inter L. & P. Co	Light	Streets	1029 00
" " " "	"	City Hall	30 00
" Water Co	Water		979 25
Ellis Bros	supplies	City Electrician	6 60
West Texas Fuel Co	Fuel	City Hall	70 40
V. E. Lubom	services as Plumbing Inspector		66 50
T. H. Bennett	Blacksmithing	Street Dept	18 30
Major & Fewel	Feed	" "	24 05
Burton Lingo Co	Lumber	" "	6 72
Pottenger Barnum & Mitchell	Crossings	" "	20 00
Krakauer I & M	supplies	" "	28 00
Monson & Horne Co	"	" "	8 65
Pomroy Transfer Co	Sprinkling	" "	685 50
El Paso Foundry	Repairs	" "	13 85
Street & Grade	Pay roll	" "	316 00

On Motion the above bills were allowed and ordered paid.

Fire and Water Com.

Chairman Caples to whom was refered the following communication recommended that it be granted.

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

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petition of Union Depot Co for Fire Hydrant

Gentlemen.

The undersigned, the Rio Grande & El Paso Railroad Company and the El Paso Union Passenger Depot Company and the Wells Fargo & Co Express, respectfully petition your Honorable body to place a fire hydrant on the south side of said Union Depot Building and about midway of the wing thereof, in order that some adequate fire protection may be given the western part of said depot building, the round house of the Rio Grande and El Paso R. R. Co, and the new building just erected by the Wells Fargo & Co Express,

This is made necessary from the fact that the nearest fire hydrant to the western part of said depot building, said round house and said Express Companys building is too far away to afford speedy and adequate fire protection.

Your prompt action in this matter will be greatly appreciated as pipe is now being laid.

Respectfully Submitted,
El Paso Union Depot Co

on motion the above petition was granted.

Chairman Caples to whom was refered the matter of looking into the Conditions of the street lights, stated that he had requested the City Electrician to make an investigation and test, the City Electrician had done so and presented the following report

Hon Richard Caples
Chairman Fire & Water Committee

Dear Sir

Report of City Electrician on Arc Lights

As per your request I made readings of voltage of the street arc lamps on night of Jany 29th.

Ninetin lamps were tested, with an average of 79 volts for the entire number, only one lamp, cor Boulevard and Corto St. fell short of the required voltage.

The Contract calls for a pressure of from 70 to 75 volts at the terminal of the lamps.

Enclosed you will find detail report of each lamp.

I find with above noted exception all lamps up to Contract requirements.

North West Circuit

No 1 Franklin & Oregon St 85 volts, No 2 Boulevard & N El Paso 78 volts, No 3 Boulevard & Corto, 60 volts, No 4 Nevada & N Oregon 75 volts,

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North East Circuit
No 5 Arizona & Mesa 70 volts, No 6 Arizona & Campbell 76 volts, No 7 Montana and Ochoa 75 volts, No 8 Montana and Octavia 73 volts.
Middle Circuit.
No 9 Myrtle and Octavia 73 volts, No 10 Augr & Magoffin 82 volts.
No 11 San Antonio & Ochoa 78 volts, No 12 Overland & Ochoa 78 volts.
No 13 Ochoa & Second 82 volts, 14 Florence & Fifth 76 volts.
No 15 Utah and Seventh, 76 volts, No 16 Santa Fe & Seventh 75 " .
Amperage readings at Power station at 9.15 P.M.
North West Circuit 6 7/10 Ampers, North East Circuit 6 4/10 amperes
Middle Circuit 6 4/10 amperes, Juarez Circuit 6 7/10 Ampers.

Respectfully Submitted.
E. T. Dansworth
City Electrician

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

"Communications"

Petition of Lena Schutz reduce Taxes — Clerk read petition of Miss Lena Schutz for reduction in taxes. On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of C Cohen reduce Taxes — Clerk read petition of Mrs C Cohen for reduction of taxes On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of Geo Look filling Crosby St — Clerk read Communication from Geo Look relative to filling in on Crosby St On motion the Communication was referred to City Atty.

Petition of A Zuchlka reduce Taxes — Clerk read petition of Mrs A Zuchlka for reduction in taxes. On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of White Stevens & White reduce Taxes — Clerk read petition of White Stevens & White for reduction in taxes. On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of Chas Gardner reduce Taxes. — Clerk read petition of Chas M Gardner for reduction in taxes On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of Jno Krick reduce tax — Clerk read petition of John Krick for reduction in taxes. On motion the petition was referred to the Taxation Com.

Petition of P.B. McNeal reduce Taxes — Clerk read petition of Mrs P.B. McNeal for reduction in taxes. On motion the petition was refered to the Taxation Com.

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Petition of T. H. Conklin reduce Taxes

Clerk read petition of T. H. Conklin for reduction of taxes
On motion the petition was refered to the Taxation Com.

Petition of Turner & Davis reduce Taxes

Clerk read petition of Turner & Davis for reduction in taxes
On motion the petition was refered to the Taxation Com.

Petition of E Held 30 min Car Services

Clerk read petition of Edgar Held et al for 30 minutes Car service to Highland Park
On motion the petition was refered to the Street & Grade Com.

Clerk read the following petition,

El Paso, Texas, Feby 1st 1906

Petition from Civic League naming Parks

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

We, the undersigned, the Committee in Charge of the Montana Street Park reservation, do petition your honorable body to decide upon the name for the said park, at your meting tonight, We find the responsibility too great for us, and wish the Honor and responsibility to rest with you.

The names that have been selected from those that were suggested are as follows:

The Alameda, Buena Vista, Davis Place, Franklin Square, Hammett Plaza, Montezuma Plaza.

The spanish names are self Explanatory, the name of our honored Mayor has been mentioned by many; that of Ex Mayor Hammett has been offered from many quarters,

Franklin Square was deemed appropriate as the town lies within the shadow of Mt Franklin, in former years the town was called Franklin, and the park reservation is in the vicinity of Franklin Heights, This year is the bi centennial of Benjamin Franklin, and it has been suggested that this would be an appropriate time to dedicate a park in his name as he stands for all that is noble and sterling in the American man, and has proven himself a credit to this nation, at home and at foreign Courts.

(Signed) Mrs B. F. Hammett Pres
Mrs A. H. Sutherland Vice "
Mrs E. M. Harter Chr Com.

On motion the Communication was recind and ordered filed.

Clerk opened and read the following bids for sewer pipe

Kansas City Mo Feby 6th 1906

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Bids on 3 cars sewer pipes

Mr Percy McGhee
City Clerk El Paso Texas

Dear Sir

Quotation to El Paso, Texas

We understand that the City of El Paso is receiving bids on from three to five cars of sewer pipe and we are pleased to quote you in carload lots to El Paso, Texas, fright and breakage allowed, as follows:

First quality Standard Sewer Pipe.

8 inch 53⅓ p/c discount, Terms 2 per cent off net amount of bill, after deducting fright, if paid within 10 days from date of Invoice, or 60 days interest bearing Warrant.

We trust that this price will be found to be low and that we will be favored with your order.

Awaiting further word from you, we are

Yours truly,
H. S. Dickey Clay Mfg Co

El Paso, Texas, Feby 8, 1906

To the Hon City Council
El Paso, Texas,

Gentlemen;

In compliance with your advertisements, for proposals for three or more cars of vitrified sewer pipe, we beg herewith to submit our quotation for supplying the same, according to the specifications, at twenty one and six tenths (21,6/0) Cents per foot, F.O.B. Cars, El Paso, Texas.

Respectfully submitted by;
Thorne Storage and Distributing Co.

El Paso, Texas, Feby 8th 1906

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

Gentlemen:

We propose to furnish you three to five cars of Standard sewer pipe eight inch diameter, according to specifications, for nineteen and one half cents per foot f.o.b. cars El Paso, Texas.

Yours truly
Fassett & Kelley

Alderman Rand stated that as Fassett & Kelley was the

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lowest bidder he moved that they be given the contract.
The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Resolution naming parks

Clerk read a resolution naming the parks on North Santa Fe and on Montana Streets

Alderman Look moved the adoption of the resolution which 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, Fowl, Grant, Hitt, Look and Raud, 7; Nays, None, absent Hammett.

Then upon 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 the square west of the Carnegie square be hereafter known and designated as Cleveland Park, in honor of Grover Cleveland who as President of the United States donated said park to the City of El Paso.

Section 2

That the square lately purchased by the City from the Southern Pacific Ry. Co. be hereafter known and designated Houston Square in honor of Sam Houston.

Clerk read the following resolution.

Resolution City Clerk to notify S.P.R. & S.W. Ry. Crossing on Durango

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

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to notify the Southern Pacific Company and the El Paso and Southwestern Ry Co, that in the judgment of the City Council the time has now come when the extension of Durango Street and Franklin Street should be opened and crossing made by said Railroad Companies as provided by the Union Depot Ordinance, and the said Companies are hereby required to open said street and make said crossing in accordance with the provision

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of said Union Depot Ordinance, said Southern Pacific will raise their track one foot, and the El Paso Southeastern will lower their track one foot, Thus making an equitable grade over both tracks.

Motion was made and duly carried adopting the above resolution.

Unfinished Business

Clerk read the following resolution

Resolution transferring $2500.00 from Special to Street Fund.

A Resolution for the transfer of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars from the Special Fund to the Street Maintenance Fund.

Be it resolved by the City Council;

That, Whereas, there is now a surplus of about six thousand ($6,000) dollars in the Special Fund and a small deficiency exists in the Street Maintenance fund, that there be at once transferd two thousand five hundred ($2.500) dollars from the Special fund to the Street Maintenance fund, and that the City Treasurer be at once notified by the City Clerk of this resolution

January 26, 1906.

Alderman Reed moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

"New Business"

City Clerk to Notify Canal Co about Head gate

On motion the City Clerk was instructed to notify the Canal Co to see that the headgate of the Canal is put in a good and safe condition for the spring floods.

Alderman Look moves that the City Engineer be instructed to check up the tracks in the Union Depot grounds on Main and San Francisco Streets.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Petition of V M Brown reconsidered referred to City Atty & Engineer

Atty Victor Moon addressed the City Council relative to the petition of Volney M Brown relating to obstructions in Canal and Seventh Streets asks the Council to reconsider the granting of the petition and refer it.

Motion made and Carried to reconsider and refer the matter to the City Atty and Engineer for investigation

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There being no further business before the Council, the Council adjourned over until Saturday Feby 10th 1906 at 3.30 oclock P.M.

Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Regular Adjourned Meeting Saturday Feby 10th 1906

Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso, Texas. Feby 10th 1906

Council met in regular adjourned session on the above day and date with Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answering to roll call, Budger, Caples, Grant Hitt. Look and Rand, 6. Absent Fewel and Hammett.

City Attorney read the following recommendations

Report of City Atty Coll tax on Cotton Add

El Paso, Texas Feb 10th 1906

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

I am now negotiating with the Attorneys of Mr Frank B Cotton of Boston, Mass. the settlement of all delinquent taxes due from Mr Cotton to the City of El Paso,

This involves all of the delinquent taxes on the property known as Cotton Addition to said City, with the exceptions of such parts as have been heretofore sold by Frank B. Cotton to the G.H.& S.A. Ry Co, the Texas & Pacific Ray. Co. and other parties.

These taxes, together with interest, penalties and costs as they appear from the books of the City Assessor and Collector amount to the sum of $20.579.51. Of this amount the attorneys for Mr Cotton contest the whole amount claimed as penalties and interest, contending that the laws do not warrant the City in collecting such penalties and interest, I have investigated these claims and am of the opinion that the City is entitled to collect such interest and penalties since the fiscal year, 1897.

I will state that the attorneys for the State and County have arrived at the same conclusions.

The Attorneys for Mr Cotton have signified their willingness to pay the remainder of the sum due, amounting after deducting such penalties and interest for the years, 1895, 1896 and 1897 to the sum of $18.158.06 subject to any rights they may have to recover any part of such taxes, interest, or penalties as they may recover in Court.

I respectfully recommend that the City Attorney be authorized to settle with said attorneys for the latter amount, receiving such monies subject to such protests as they may see fit to make.

Respectfully submitted.
Richard F Burges
City Attorney

Alderman Caples moved that the recommendations of the

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City Attorney be refused and that he be instructed to collect all taxes and penalties due the City of El Paso.
The motion was duly seconded and carried

Clerk read the following proposition.

Communication from Spitzer & Co relative to Bonds

El Paso. Texas. Feby 10th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of El Paso:

Refering to our agreement for the purchase of $175.000 El Paso District # 1 Improvement bonds, wherein we were to notify you by Feb 10th 1906 if we decided to take said bonds provided new ordinance, bonds and such other requirements met; will say that we have decided to take said bonds provided the City will take such additional proceedings including a proper suit to establish the Constitutionality of your Charter and the legality of said bonds by decission of the supreme Court of Texas, and furnish such information as will comply with the requirments of Judge John F. Dillon to enable him to approve said bonds and we agree to take up and pay for said bonds just as soon as they can be issued and delivered in compliance with his requirments and the terms of our agreement, We enclose herewith our Certified Ck on the Merchants National Bank of Toledo O. to be held as a guaranty that we will faithfully carry out the terms of our said Contract and on failure to do so to be forfeited to the City of El Paso

Respectfully Yours
Spitzer & Co

Marginal insertion on first page made by me before delivery, with and under authority of Spitzer & Co

T. D. Johnson,

Alderman Raud moved that the proposition of Spitzer & Co be rejected
The motion was duly seconded and carried.

There being no further business the Council adjourned over until Tuesday Feby 13th 1906 at 3 o'clock P. M.

Approved
Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk.

Regular Adjourned Meeting Tuesday Feby 13th 1906

Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso Texas Feby 13th 1906

Council met in regular adjourned session on the above day and date, Mayor Davis present and presiding, and the following Aldermen answering to roll Call, Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hitt, Look and Rand. absent Hammett,

Mr Grant of Boston Mass and W. B. Merchant of this City came before the City Council relative to taxes owed by the owner of the Cotton Addition to the City of El Paso, and submitted the following proposition, they were willing to pay all taxes, penalties and interest which the City held against the Cotton add amounting to the sum of $20499.40 less $1800.00, with the further understanding that if they could show proof that the taxes for 1893 had been paid they were to be refunded that years taxes amounting to $1260.00.

City agrees to Compromise with Cotton on tax of Cotton Add

Alderman Caples moved that the City accept the sum of $19.250.00 for taxes, penalties and interest in full, with the understanding that the payment of taxes for 1893, amounting to $1260.00 is paid under protest and involuntarily as having been formerly paid, and to be refunded upon production of proper proof of its payment.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Alderman Caples moved that no action be taken in regards to the bond matter until further notice from the mayor.

The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no further business before it, the Council adjourned

Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Special Meeting Thursday Feby 15th 1906

Council Chamber. City Hall

El Paso Texas Feby 15th 1906

Council met in Special session on the above day and date at 11:30 o'clock a.m. Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answering to roll call. Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hitt and Look, 6, absent Hammett and Rand.

Clerk read the following call.

To the Honorable J. B. Badger, Geo Look, G. L. Hitt, H. J. Fewel, B. F. Hammett, J. T. Grant, Richard Caples, and H. J. Rand, Composing the board of Aldermen of the City of El Paso.

Gentlemen;

You are hereby called to meet in special session at the City Hall in the City of El Paso this morning the 15th day of Feby 1906 at 11:30 o'clock to consider action relative to sale of El Paso Street Improvement District No 1 Bonds.

Charles Davis, mayor.

I have received the above notice this 15th day of Feby 1906.

H. J. Fewel
Grant
G. L. Hitt
G Look
J. B. Badger
Richard Caples

City atty sent to New York to sell bonds

The City Council discussed the propriety of sending City Atty to New York City to negotiate the sale of Street Improvement bonds. The following Resolution was read. Be it resolved by the City Council that City Attorney Burgess be directed to go to New York and negotiate sale of bonds and that he be directed to take bonds with him and deliver same to the Chemical National Bank said bank to deliver same to purchaser on payment of price agreed on by City Attorney.

The resolution was duly seconded and carried.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

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Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso, Texas, Feby 15 1906

Council met in regular session on the above date and date, with Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answering to roll Call. Badger, Fewel, Grant, Hitt, Look and Rand. 6. Absent Caples and Hammett.
Alderman Rand moved that the minutes be not read, the motion was duly seconded and carried.

"Report of Officers"

City Clerk read the following report.

El Paso Texas, Feby 13. 1906.

Hon Chas Davis, Mayor.
Mr Geo. C. Wimberly, City Engineer.
Gentlemen:

Report of W. W Follett on Street grade

I have your letter of the 9th instant, asking me for my opinion as to the proper arrangment of grades at street intersections, and for a citation to authorities on the subject.

In reply, I will say that I consider the following to be the best engineering practice.

Where the gradients of the street are 3% or less, carry the grade lines straight through the crossing without breaking.

Where the gradients exceed 3% and are less than 6% break at the curb line on each side to 3%. In both the above cases the curb grade should usually be unbroken between intersecting curbs.

Where the gradients exceed 6%, break at the property line to 6% and at the curb line to 3%. Break the curb grade also at the property line.

In any case make the elevation of each property line corner a mean of the two elevations worked from the curb grade of the two streets at points opposite the corner.

Resulting from these rules, the curb on the lower side of a street in a block with 3% intersections at each end and 50 ft between curbs will be 1.5 ft (18 inches) lower than the curb on the upper side of the street. This would be the maximum difference in curb elevations.

It is not best to give the four curb corners of a street intersection the same elevation, thus making a level crossing. This method would prevent proper drainage down either

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street, and, on streets of rapid rise, would materially increase the gradient of the street in the intervening blocks. It also gives an ugly appearance, these level places seemingly to pitch into the hill.

In El Paso the most important objections to level intersections is that they will interfere with the surface drainage. When storm sewers are used, this is not so important a consideration. It is not likely, however, that storm sewers will ever be built in El Paso for the purpose of carrying off storm waters from the hills. These waters carry so much heavy sediment that the first heavy shower would completely fill with gravel and rocks storm sewers of any reasonable size.

Catch basins would fill up solid in a few minutes and so be rendered useless.

I have carefully limited the libaries on the subject and I find that nearly everything written refers to a report made in 1890 to the board of Public Works of Duluth, Minn. by two eminent Civil Engineers, Mr Rudolph Hering of New York City and Mr Andrew Rosswater of Omaha, Nebraska. These two gentlemen stand at the head of the profession on municipal work and their opinions are generally accepted as final by other engineers.

This report was published in the report of the Board of public works, Duluth, Minn, for 1890, and republished in Engineering News Feby. 14, 1891, and in Engineering record, Vol 22, page 53. The portion relating to street grades at intersections was reprinted in Engineering News Sept. 8, 1892, and the rule laid down there in is quoted by J. O. Baker on page 325 of his "roads and Pavements". Mr Baker's works are considered excellent authority on the subjects of which they treat.

The rule laid down by Messers. Hering and Rosswater is as follows (I quote from Engineering News, Feby. 14, 1891 - page 148.)

Upon all streets and avenues in the City, Except in the business section, the Curb grades should be unbroken between intersection curbs. In the business section of the City, the lines of curb grades, when exceeding 8% should be broken at the street or property lines. All street Crossings, from the Curb on one side to the Curb on the other, irrespective of location, should be designed on a basis of a 3% slope. Except when the slope of the intersecting streets or Avenues is less, in which case the grades shall be continued unbroken over the Crossings. In determining the height of the block Corners, the

Elevation of the Curbs at the two opposite points should be added to the rise of the two walks from their respective curbs to the corner on the basis of 2% inclinations, which sum divided by 2 will give the desired elevation. In other words the block corner shall have an average of the elevations determined from the two opposite curbs, after allowing the usual rise in the walks of 1/4 inch per foot across their width."

My suggestions follow, practically, this rule and are based upon it.

During the last fifteen years the Engineering News has also published two enquiries as to the arrangement of grades at intersections, and has each time given an editorial guess at the proper solution. The first time it was recommended recommended that a gradient equal to 1/3 the gradient of each street be used, but this was offered as a suggestion only. The second time a tentative endorsement of level crossings was given and then, two months afterwards, the Duluth rule was reprinted in a "letter to the editor" and endorsed editorially. On Page 485 of his "Street Pavements and Paving Materials" Tillson discusses the subject in rather crude way and seemingly decides that a maximum grade of two % should be used for the center lines of intersecting streets, with all four curb corners at the same elevation, but property corners a mean of the heights worked from each street. This would give an awkward arrangement of grades and is not to be recommended. I have in my office Tillson's book and the issues of the Engineering News which contain the Duluth report and the enquiries mentioned, and shall be glad to show them to any one wishing to see them. I will also say that in the City of Denver, Colo, the grade lines are carried across many intersections with out breaking. This arrangement is considered best even though the storm water is carried off in sewers. The same arrangement of grades is used in Topeka, Kansas, where storm sewers are also in use. In Kansas City the street grades were originally arranged with level intersections and a most unsightly set of streets has resulted. I understand that sloped intersections are now being used there on new work.

Yours Very truly,

W. H. Pollett

Mem. Am. Soc. C.E.

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On motion the report was referd to Street and grade Com.

Report of City Engineer on Street Grade

Clerk read report of City Engineer relative to street grades
on motion the report was referd to Street & Grade Com.

Report of Chief of Police

Clerk read report of Chief of Police for January
On motion the report was referd to Police Com

Street and Grade Com

Proposition of Inter L. & P Co to Close Alley

Chairman Fewel to whom was referd the proposition of International Light & Power Co recommended that it be accepted and the matter be referd to City Attorney and Ordinance Com to prepare proper ordinance.

On motion the recommendations was ordered carried out.

Bill of H. A. Kezer planting grass.

Alderman Fewel recommended that the bill of H. A. Kezer for planting grass in City School gounds be allowed.

On motion the bill was allowed and ordered paid.

Petition of Edgar Held 30 min Street Car service.

Chairman Fewel to whom was referd the following petition recommended that it be received and filed.

On motion the recommendation was ordered carried out

The petition is as follows.

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

Gentlemen

Your petitioners would most respectfully request that you have the El Paso Electric Street Railway Company increase their street car service so as to have a car make a trip every thirty minutes from their station in front of Sheldon Hotel to Portland street in Highland Park addition, all of which distance is in the City limits of El Paso Texas.

Respectfully Submitted

Edgar Held

and others

Chairman Fewel moved that the Ordinance Com and City Attorney be instructed to draft an ordinance if feasible taxing all express wagon in the City $5-00 per annum for license.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Finance Com

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Payroll of Street & Grade

Chairman Rand recommended that the following payroll of Street & Grade Dept be allowed and ordered paid.
Street and Grade payroll for the week ending Feby 15th $157.50
On motion the payroll was allowed ~~ordered~~ and ordered paid.

Contract for Stone wall on San Francisco St

Chairman Kitt of the special Com stated that they had let contract to build stone wall on San Francisco ~~Street~~ to J.S. Perry at $1.81 per perch.

Communications

Petition of E.S. Jones reduce tax

Clerk read petition of E.S. Jones for refund in taxes
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of B Blumenthal reduce tax

Clerk read petition of B Blumenthal for reduction in taxes,
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of R.L. Dorbandt refund Tax.

Clerk read petition of R.L. Dorbandt to refund taxes.
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of Mrs Nellie Blakely reduce tax

Clerk read petition of Mrs Nellie T Blakely for reduction in taxes
The petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of H Cooley reduce taxes

Clerk read petition of H Cooley for reduction in taxes,
The petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of F.W. Gallagher reduce tax

Clerk read petition of F.W. Gallagher reduction of taxes,
The petition was referred to Taxation Com. the

Petition of Mrs J.A. Shely reduce tax

Clerk read petition of Mrs J.A. Shely for reduction in taxes,
The petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of A.E. Biddle reduce tax

Clerk read the petition of Mrs A.E. Biddle for reductions in taxes.
The petition was referred to to Taxation Com.

Petition of H.M. Mundy for Grade

Clerk read petition of H.M. Mundy for grade on Virginia St
The petition was referred to Street & Grade Com.

Petition of Marcia Russell flood water

Clerk read petition of Mrs Marcia E. Russell for relief from flood waters
The petition was referred to Street and Grade Com

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Petition of Fire Dept for wire

Clerk read petition of El Paso Fire Dept for 2 miles of wire
The petition was refered to fire and Water Com with power to act

Petition of T.B. Enochs for Franchise

Clerk read petition of Thos. B. Enochs for franchise to build an electric Street Car line.
The petition was refered to Ordinance Com and City Atty

Petition of P.C. Booth P. Duran put back on police force

Clerk read petition of D C Booth et al for reinstatment of P Duran on police force
The petition was refered to police Com.

Petition of A.E. Brown sewer ext

Clerk read petition of A. E. Brown for sewer extension
The Petition was refered to Sanitary Com.

"New Business"

Clerk instructed serve notice side walk on San Francisco

The City Clerk was instructed to have notices served on property owners on San Francisco Street, to put in side walks.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Special Meeting Thursday Feby 22nd 1906

Mayor Davis Residence
El Paso Texas Feby 22nd 1906

Council Met in special session on the above day and date at 3 o'clock P. M. Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following Aldermen answering to roll Call. Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Kitt, Look & Rand. S. absent none.

Reading of the minutes passed over.

The Clerk read the following Call.

El Paso, Texas, Feby. 22, 1906.

To Messrs. J. B. Badger, Geo. Look, W. J. Fewel, G. L. Kitt, J. F. Grant, B. F. Hammett, Richard Caples, and W. J. Rand. Composing the Board of Alderman of the City of El Paso, Texas:

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised, and requested to attend a special Meeting of the City Council to be held this afternoon at 3 o-clock P. M. at the residence of the Mayor, 1017 Montana street to consider special and regular business, as I will be unable to attend the regular Council Meeting to night on account of sickness.

Charles Davis, Mayor
By Perry McGhee City Clerk.

I have received the above notice of Special meeting to be held at Mayor Davis residence on Feby 22. 1906. at 3 oclock P.M.

B. F. Hammett
G. L. Kitt
J. B. Badger
W. J. Rand
R Capes.
J. F. Grant.
W. J. Fewl.
Geo Look.

Bonds sold

Clerk read telegrams from City Atty Burges stating bonds were sold and money in Chimical Bank of New York subject to Call of the City. Alderman Caples moved that the money be deposited in equal shares in the three following banks. First Nat Bank one third. State Nat Bank one third. American Nat Bank one third.

Money to be deposited in 3 Banks

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

After some discussion by the Council on the matter of street paving specification, and street grades, the Mayor appointed

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Special Com on Street Specifications + St grades

the following Committee Badger, Caples, Hammett and Kitt with instructions to take up the specifications for street paving written by City Engineer Kimberly and go over them and if any changes should be made in same to recommend them at the next meeting. Also to get Engineer Kimberly and Garvin together and arrive at some plan whereby the City can get compiled profiles of all street grades in the City limits.

Clerk instructed to notify Water + Gas Co's to make Connections on all lots in paving District

Alderman Raad moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Water Company and Gas Company to make connection and carry same to property line of Every lot in the paving District. The Motion was duly seconded and Carried.

City Engineer to look after Sewer Connections in paving Dist

Alderman Look moved that the City Engineer be instructed to look in to all sewer Connections and Sewer lines in the paving District and to see that Everything is in good shape, and to make repairs where ever needed. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Communications

Petition of E L Hawkins Stagnant water on Arizona

Clerk read petition of E L. Hawkins relative to a stagnant pool of water on Arizona Street. The petition was refered to Street + Grade Com.

Petition of D McNamara relative taxes

Clerk read petition of D McNamara for reduction of taxes. The petition was refered to Taxation Com.

Petition H. H. Anderson filling lot on Myrtle

Clerk read petition of Dr H. H. Anderson relative to lot on Myrtle st that is low and has water standing on it. The petition was refered to Street + Grade Com

Ordinance Close Alley Block 99

Clerk read the following An ordinance granting to the El Paso Electric Railway Company the right to close, use, and occupy the alley in Fractional Block 99 according to the map of Campbells addition to the City of El Paso, and also to abandon the use of said alley by the City. Alderman Look moved the adoption of the ordinance which was duly seconded.

The Mayor ordered the roll upon the adoption of the Ordinance to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows: Yeas, Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant,

Hammett, Kitt, Look and Rand, 8. Nays none, absent none

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

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

Whereas, the El Paso Electric Railway Company has advanced and paid for and on behalf of the City of El Paso five hundred ($500.00) dollars to H. A. McLean et al. in consideration of which the said H. A. McLean, et al. has deeded to the City of El Paso a certain strip of land off of the south and east part of block 44 according to the Map of Campbells Addition, for the purpose of enabling the City to straighten out San Antonio Street at its intersection with Campbell Street, said strip of land being particularly described in the deed from said McLean et al. to the City of El Paso, and to which reference is made; and

Whereas, the said El Paso Electric Railway Company is the owner of the land abutting on either side of said alley in said block 99 of Campbells Addition to the City of El Paso; and

Whereas, said alley is already closed at its southern end and rendered useless as an alley by the reservation of the Rio Grande and El Paso Railway Company;

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

Section 1.

That the El Paso Electric Railway Company is hereby granted the right, privilege, and authority to perpetually, close, use, and occupy the alley in Fractional block 99, according to Map of Campbells addition to the City of El Paso.

Section 2.

That the alley in said fractional block 99 of Campbells addition is hereby abandoned by the City as such alley.

Be it further ordained that this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of Feby 1906.

Attest

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Charles Davis
Mayor

Special Meeting Thursday Feby 22nd 1906

There being no further business Alderman Rand moved that the Council adjourn over to Friday Feby 23rd 1906 at 3 o'clock P.M. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Approved Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Adjourned Special Meting Friday Feby 23rd 1906

Council Chamber City Hall.
El Paso, Texas. Feby 23rd 1906

Council met in adjourned Special Meeting on the above day and date, Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answered to roll call, Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Kitt, Look, and Rand, 8, absent none.

Reading of the minutes on motion was dispensed with.

"Sanitary Committee"

Ordinance licensing plumbers

Chairman Badger introduced and had read an ordinance relating to licensing Plumbers, and moved that it be refered to the Ordinance Committee.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

"Taxation Committee"

Petition of H. Cooley reduce taxes denied

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the petition be denied.

El Paso, Texas, Dec 30 1905

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

Gentlemen:

My property, the east 60 ft of lot 1, 2 & 3 block 273 Campbells is assessed at $3000.00, which I consider excessive, as it is only a lot and a half, with a six room dwelling on same. Same is assessed at the County for $2000.00.

If consistent, I would deem it a favor if the assessment was reduced. I am, Sirs,

Yours respectfully
H. Cooley

On Motion made and carried the recommendations of the Committee were ordered carried out and petition denied.

Petition of Henry W. Myar reduce taxes Denied

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that it be denied.

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

Your petitioner, Henry W. Myar, respectfully represents that he was the owner of the El Paso Opera House, located on block 33, Anson Mills map to the City of El Paso, Texas, and the one story, brick building south of and adjoining said Opera House. That the said opera House and one story building were totally destroyed by fire on November 4th, 1905. That the lot on which

said property was situated and owned by him has a front 144/p feet on the west side of El Paso Street,

That said property, with the improvements thereon, is assessed for this year on the City tax rolls at $36,125-00

That the petitioner did not have full insurance on said building and has suffered very great loss by reason of the destruction of said improvements.

Therefore, your petitioner prays that the assessed value of his property, be reduced so that he will not have to pay taxes, for 1905 on the value of said improvements and your petitioner will ever pray.

(signed) Henry H Meyer
by his attys Edwards & Edwards

On motion duly seconded and carried the above petition was denied.

Petition of J.A. Shely to reduce taxes denied

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that it be denied.

El Paso, Texas. Feby 10-1906

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen, El Paso, Texas.

Gen

I am the owner of the property located at 810, N Virginia st, known as block 260, Campbells Add, and have valued the same at $1000-00. The City has put the valuation at $1200-00. I object paying the taxes on this valuation and ask your honorable body to reduce the valuation to its previous amount.

Respectfully
Mrs J.A. Shely

on motion made and carried the above petition was denied.

Petition of P.H. Young reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that it be granted

El Paso, Texas. Jany 22, 1906

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

Gentlemen.

Your petitioner, Phil H. Young, respectfully represents to your honorable body that he now owns the north 21 feet and 8 inches of lot 81 block 15 according to Anson Mills Map of the City of El Paso, Texas, being 21 feet and 8 inches heretofore owned by Peter Michero, which was not assessed by said Michero

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for the year 1905 and was placed on the unrundred roll at a valuation of $10,800.00.

Your petitioner purchased said property about two months ago and shows that a fair valuation of said property on the same basis as the adjoining property would be $8500.00.

Your petitioner therefor prays that the assessed valuation for the year 1905 be reduced to $8500.00.

Respectfully submitted.
Phil. H. Young
by his Atty Edwards & Edwards

on motion made and carried the petition was granted.

Petition of T H Conklin reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was referd the following petition recommended that that piece of property in block 217 Campbell, ~~Hay~~ property raised from $4,000 to $7,500.00 be reduced to $6000.00.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council
Gentlemen:

Having been absent from the City at the time of the sitting of the "Board of Equalization" I did not have the opportunity of appearing before it to show cause why my rendition should not be raised for the year 1905. I now respectfully ask the following to be carefully considered by the Committee to which it may be referd and that it grant the reasonable reductions asked for.

By comparison with other property valuations in same blocks, and lying very near, I find sufficient cause for this appeal.

In Block 217, Campbell, My rendition has been raised from $4000.00 to $7,500.00 a raise of about 90 %, there are no improvements on this.

Comparison - in same block A.W. Montague renders and owns 60 by 130 feet with improvement having a rental capacity of $30.00 Monthly, and worth at least $5000.00: valuation fixed at $2,500.00, estimating value of the house at $1000.00 leaves the lot worth $1500.00 and I having twice as much front my lots would reasonably taken at valuation of $3,000.00.

I ask a reduction of $3000.00

Compare O.G. Bretons valuation also with mine, he has at least $8000.00 improvements, this is in same block with mine and

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60 by 130 feet. Compare Mrs Garlicks 50 feet front, one block east of Mesa and fronting on same street, valued at $4000.00, with $3000.00 improvements.

In block 207 Campbell, I have been raised from $3000.00 to $6000.00, about 70 % raise no improvements.

Comparison — O. A. Blanton owns across alley East, 60 by 130 feet vacant valued by board at $1500.00, to equalize, my property should be fixed at $3000.00, and I respectfully ask that a reduction to $3600.00. Compare with Mr Kitts lots in block 200 immediately opposite to my lots in 207 valued at $3000.00 with two brick buildings worth at least $2500.00.

In block 88 Camp, My rendition was raised from $3600.00 to $6000.00 no improvements, the board valuation of all the property in said block fronting on El Paso Street (except that I own) is just $25.00 per front foot, at which rate my rendition of $3600.00 would be correct, and I ask that my rendition of $3600.00 be allowed to stand.

Estate of Thomas Howard, property in block 13 fronting San Antonio St raised from $25,000 to $30,000

A. P. Coles owns the same number of feet adjoining and on corner of Oregon street, much more valuable and it with a $40,000 house is valued at only $12,500, why should the Howard lot reasoning from the Coles valuation be more than $20,000 I ask the Howard lot valuation be reduced to $25,000.

I also ask that the valuation of the property of Howard Franklin and O Fallon block 34 Mills be reduced from $25,000 to $15,000 which is above valuation for 1904.

Very Respectfully
T. H. Conklin for self

on motion the petition was granted in so far as to the property in block 217 Campbell add. which is reduced from $7500 to $6,000. all the rest of petition is denied.

Petition of Mrs Lena Schutz reduce taxes Denied

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that it be denied.

To the Hon City Council El Paso Texas

Gentlemen:

I am the owner of lot 15 block No 248 Campbells addition to the City of El Paso Texas. For the year 1904 this property was

assessed for taxes at a valuation of $1500. and I paid the taxes on that amount. For the year 1905 the property was rendered at $1500., and raised by your hon body, sitting as a board of Equalization to $2,000. I received no notice that the amount of the rendition had been raised and had not an opportunity of appearing before you as a board of Equalization. The first notice I had of this fact was when I endeavored to pay my taxes a few days ago.

In this Connection I wish to call your attention to lot 14, block 248, Campbells addition. This is the lot adjoining mine, the house upon lot 14 is exactly the same as the house on lot 15. the property is exactly the same size and similar in every respect. The value of the two pieces of property is exactly the same. Lot 14, which adjoins me, was assessed at $1500. and the amount of this assessment was not raised. Lot 14 was rendered by Mrs E Mumfield.

I also wish to call your attention to the lots 16 & 17, block 248 Campbells addition, which is the property adjoining my lot 15 on the south side. Lots 16 & 17 have a very large two story double house upon them. This house would cost probably four times as much to build as the houses upon my lot No 15, and the lot adjoining me on the north No 14. Lots 16 & 17 upon which is located this large two story double house were assessed for $4,000 by Mrs J. E. Piper, only twice the amount at which my single lot No 15 was assessed. whereas the proportionate valu should be at least four times as much as my property.

I request you refer this matter to your Committee on Taxation and that when said Committe investigate same, they will see the great injustice that is being done me and will recommend to your hon body that the amt of my rendition at $1500 be permitted to stand and that the assessment of $2000 be lowered to $1500.

Respectfully submitted
Miss Lena Schultz

on motion the petition was denied.

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that it be denied.

To the Hon Common Council,

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Petition of F.M. Gallagher reduce taxes denied

Gentlemen:

I desire to call your attention to the fact that for 1905 my city tax valuation was $18,200.00 and that on Oct 2nd 1905 I received a notice from you that the same had been increased to $21,500.00 Knowing that an increased amount of money had to be raised on account of Contemplated paving and other improvements, and believing the increased valuation to be uniformly distributed I made no protest.

However on receiving today a detailed statement of the valuation preparatory to paying my taxes, I find the amount has been raised to $25,500 and I respectfully request that this amount be reduced to $21,500.00 as announced in your notice of increase

Very respectfully
Francis M. Gallagher

On motion made and carried the petition was denied

Petition of R.L. Dorbandt reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the petition be granted.

El Paso, Texas, Feby 14-1906

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

Gentlemen:

I respectfully petition your honorable body that there be refunded to me the sum of $36.19, the same being taxes paid by me as shown by attached receipts, on lot 1, block 66 Magoffin's addition to this City, for the reason that through mistake I have paid the same tax twice.

I bought this property in at tax sale, about the same time I asked the City Collector if there were more taxes against the same, He said yes, and without investigating through error, paid him the identical taxes paid when the property was bought in.

Attached hereto you will find tax receipt for money paid City tax Collector, and also abstract of records of district Court with receipt showing same tax paid and receipted for by the City Atty.

Respectfully
Robert Dorbandt

On Motion made and carried the above petition was granted.

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that it be denied.

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Petition of John Krick reduce taxes denied

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

Gentlemen:

I would respectfully ask your Hon Body to reduce the valuation on Lots 29 to 33 Block 76 Franklin Heights Add, from $850 to $600 as they were assessed to high according to the valuation of lots adjoining

John Krick.

on Motion the above petition was denied.

Petition of Jesus Gutierez reduce taxes denied

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that it be denied,

The Hon Mayor and City Council.

The undersigned hereby respectfully request to your Hon body to reduce the taxes on the west one half of lots Eleven to 14 Block 69 of Campbell add to the same amt as they were for 1904, because I think the amt which the Collector claims is entirely to big and request your Hon Body to investigate the matter as there is certainly a mistake

Respectfully

Jesus Gutierez

on motion the above petition was denied:

Petition of Chas M Gardner reduce taxes denied

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

El Paso Texas Jany 31st 1906.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen:

I respectfully petition that the assessment on my property on lot 14 of Block 142 of Campbell add be reduced to six hundred dollars, instead of $1,000 as I believe $600 would be a fair assessment for the property

Very truly Yours

Charles M Gardner

on motion the above petition was denied.

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

El Paso Texas Feby 8th 1906

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Petition of White Stevens & White reduce taxes denied

To the Hon Mayor and City Council
Gentlemen:

We think you have raised our assessment too high in comparison with other property in the lower part of the City. We are assessed fifty percent higher than property which you cannot fail to acknowledge are much more valuable and we wish you would have this matter referred to the proper Committee for investigation

Yours very truly
White Stevens & Stevens
by Chas B. Stevens

Petition of Mrs C Cohen reduce taxes denied

On motion the petition was denied.

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

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

Gentlemen:

I am the owner of the N 19½ feet of Lot 19 and the S 18 feet of Lot 20 block 1 Satterthwaite Add to the City of El Paso, Also the W. 78 feet of Lot 11 and the N 15 feet of Lot 12 block 23 Campbell's Add to the City of El Paso.

I rendered the first described piece of property for taxes for the year 1905 at $1500. and rendered the second piece of property above described for the year 1905 at $1300.

In each instance my rendition was raised $500.

I had no notice of my rendition having bin raised and had not the opportunity of appearing bfore your honorable body, sitting as a Board of Equalization

I would request that this matter be referred to the Tax Committee, and that after they have investigated same that they should recommend to the City Council that my rendition be permitted to remain at the figures at which was originally rendered

Respectfully rendered
Mrs. C. Cohen

On motion the above petition was denied:

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition

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recommended that the petition be denied.

Petition of Turner + Davis reduce taxes denied

El Paso Texas Jan 30th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council,

Gentlemen;

We respectfully submit the following statement for your consideration; Lots 19. 20. 21 + 22 block 18 Franklin Heights add were rendered for taxation at a value of $3,200.00, that being the amount at which they have been rendered and on which taxes have been paid for some years past. The valuation was raised to the amount of $4,000.00 and through some oversight we failed to receive notice of said raise.

We now ask that the valuation of said property be reduced to $4000.00

Most Respectfully

Turner + Davis.

Agents

on motion the above petition was denied.

Petition of John Hineland reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that it be granted and a reduction from $1000 to $600.00 be allowed.

El Paso, Tex, Jan 27th-06

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

El Paso Texas

Gentlemen

There has been mistake made in assessing my property 1111 north St Vrain street block 283. S 37½ feet 6 to 10 Pierce Fairly add. Assessor has it S 30 ft valued at $1,000. This property was purchased in 1905 by Mrs. M C Walsh for $550.00 same property purchased by me in July 1905 with house under construction for $2800. this house was started sometime in June 1905.

State + County Assessor has this same property assessed for $400. will you kindly have mistake corrected.

I remain yours truly

Jno Hineland.

on motion the amount of assessed valuation was lowered from $1000.00 to $600.

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following

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recommended
petition be granted and that the assest valuation be reduce from $3000. to $2500.

Petition of Mrs Nellie Blakesley reduce taxes granted

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of El Paso
Gentlemen:

The undersigned respectfully represents that she is the owner of lot 13 and 8 ft of lot 12, block Hart's Survey That she has paid taxes thereon for the last 5 years, that last year the assessed valuation was raised from $1800. to $2000. This year she finds that although no improvements have been added to the property yet the valuation has been raised from $2000. to $3000. which is unreasonable and disproportionate to the surrounding property. Dr Velas residence next door of probably twice the value is assessed at $2500. Moreover she believes this has been a decided error on part of the assessor. Therefore she petitions your honorable body for relief and that the valuation be put back to $2000.

Mrs Nellie T Blakesley
by L Blakesley

on motion the recommendations were ordered carried out

Petition of Mrs P.B. McNeal reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the petition be granted and the valuation be reduced from $3000. to $1500.

El Paso Texas Feby 8th 1906

To the Hon mayor and City Council
Gentlemen:

You have assessed my property lot 7 in block 2 Satterwaites add at $3000.. This property I put in $1000. and cannot understand why it is on the unrendered roll as I have never failed for years to render my property, and $1000. is a fair valuation in comparison with my neighbors. Wish you would have the matter refered to the proper Committee for investigation

Yours truly
Mrs B.P. McNeal
per Chas B Storms agent

on motion the petition was granted and the assessed value reduced from $3000 to $1500, so ordered.

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition

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recommended that it be granted

Petition of E.S. Jones reduce taxes granted

El Paso Texas

Hon Mayor and City Council

I petition to have taxes refunded on Sheldon Hotel Barber Shop fixtures. As I did not own shop in 1904 The proprietor of 1904 moved all his fixtures out and all new fixtures put in.

Respectfully

E.S. Jones

on motion the petition was granted and a refund of $6.82 ordered.

petition ~~B.J.~~ of B.J. Brown reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the petition be granted.

El Paso, Texas, Jan 25 1906.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

El Paso Texas.

Gentlemen

The undersigned begs of you to order refund to him for City liquor license, paid twice for the same place through error, enclosed herewith for your inspection respective receipts

Respectfully

B.J. Brown.

on motion the above petition was granted and refund of $150.00 ordered.

Petition of Lydia T Frankenburg reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the petition be granted in so far as to reduce valuation from $2000. to $1500:

El Paso Texas Jan 18th 1906

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

Gentlemen:

The assessment for lots 10 & 11 and the south 10 feet of lot 12 block 3 Sunset Heights fronting 60 feet on Oregon street between Rio Grande and Nevada for 1905 was $2000. or over $30. per front foot. This was more than the property Cost me last February. I respectfully request that your Hon body reduce this assessment to $1200. which is about 3/4 of the actual value of the land at that time

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Very respectfully

Lydia T Frankenburg Sr

on Motion the petition was granted insofar as to reduce the assessment from $2000. to $1500,

Petition of 13 Blumenthal reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was referd the following petition recommend that the assessment be reduced from $4000 to $3000.00

El Paso Texas Feby 15- 1906

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

Gentlemen;

It has just come to my notice that you have raised the Geisberg Estate very excessive, the estate comprises of lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 17¼ feet of lot 8 in block 87.

The Market value being from $4000. to $5000. with improvements

This same property is assessed in the County for $2700. Your assessment being $4000. I think a great injustice has been done to the poor orphen heirs, depending on the equity of this estate

I hope that you will give this matter prompt attention and equalize this tax as it should be.

Very truly Yours,

B. Blumenthal

Admin

on motion the above petition was granted insofar as to reduce the assessment from $4000 to $3000.

Petition of Melton Concha reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was referd the following petition recommended that it be granted

El Paso Texas, Feby 1st 1906

Hon Mayor and City Council – City.

Gentlemen

I am the owner of lots 19 & 20 and the south 10 feet of Lot 18 in block 44 Campbells Add to the City of El Paso and same is assessed at $1000. which valuation is too high as property in the same block is selling at the rate of $450. per lot in long time payments.

The market value of this property cannot be more than $300. per lot and I would ask that you reduce my assessment to $650. for the above discribed property.

Very respectfully Melton Concha

On motion the above petition was granted.

Petition of Mrs. A. Zuehlka reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the assessed value be reduced from $1500 to $1200.

El Paso Texas Feby 5th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you a statement of the amount of taxes I have been required to pay for the years 1905 and 1904 and most humbly beg for a reduction and refund for the year 1905. As you now well know I am left a widow without any means and being in very poor financial circumstances I beg your hon body to grant my request there has not been any changes or improvements in the property since 1904 and the taxes for that year were $17.20 for the entire property The taxes for 1905 amounted to 33.50. Thanking you in advance for any favor you may bestow I am.

Yours Most Respectfully

Mrs A Zuehlka

On motion the petition was granted and the assessment was reduced from $33.50 to $22.32.

Petition of W.J. Harris reduce taxes denied

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the petition be denied.

Petition for reduction of taxes on the ground of Not having received any notices any notice of raise.

Lots 11 & 15 Blk 241 Campbell	$2000.	
all 11 & 12 58 ft of 3 Blk 73 Camp	1800.	
Part 149 & 150 Blk 32 Mills	3500.	raised $5000.
All of 11 & 12 Blk 39 Hasts	4800.	" 6000.
S 1/2 of 15 all 16 & 20 Blk 45 Hasts	6300.	" 7000.

W.J. Harris

On motion the above petition was denied.

Chairman Hammett to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the petition be granted.

To the Hon Mayor & City Council.

City of El Paso, Texas.

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Gentlemen

Petition of A.E. Biddle reduce taxes granted

I desire to call your attention to an appearant error in assessing my property for the current year. The property in question is the east half of lots 11, 12 & 13 block 65 — Magoffin addition which was assessed at $1400, last year there has never been any improvements made on this property and yet this year it is raised to $1400. I therefor ask that you look into the matter and make the nessary correction

Yours Very truly

Mrs A. E. Biddle

On motion the above petition was granted and assessment reduced from $1400 to $400.

Fire & Water Committee

Arc Light ordered on St Louis & Stanton Sts

Alderman Caples moved that an arc light be ordered placed at the intersection of St Louis & Stanton.

On motion duly seconded and carried the light was ordered

Special Committee

Chairman Badger to whom was referred the matter of specifications for street paving and street grades submitted the following report

Report of Special Com on Street paving Specifications

To the Hon Mayor and Council

Gentlemen:

Your Special committee beg leave to report 1st in regards to grades, that we are of the opinion that there is sufficient number of Engineers now employed in the engineering Department to perform this work, and we would recommend that they proceed at once to run levels establishing grades in all parts of the City limits where no grade have yet been established and submit the same to the Council together with such modification or changes of the now existing grades as they may deem proper and best.

In regards to the specifications for street paving as prepared by the City Engineer, will state that we have carefully gone over the same and believe that they are complete and fully cover every point and would recommend the adoption of the same, and that the City Engineer be authorized and instructed to advertise for bids for paving District No 1.

On motion duly made and carried the above report was received and approved.

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Advertisement Bids for Street paving.

Alderman Caples moved that 200 copies of specifications be printed, and that the City advertise 30 day for bids that the matter of amount of Certified Check to accompany each bid, and what papers the advertisements should be placed in be left to the Mayor and City Engineer. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Payroll of Street & Grade work ending Feby 22

Chairman Rand submitted payroll street & grade for week ending Feby 22nd amounting to $359.35

and pay roll for street Cleaning 24.00

On motion the above payrolls were allowed and ordered paid.

Chairman Badger of the Sanitary Com. introduced an ordinance levying a license tax on Plumbers doing business in the City of El Paso On motion the ordinance was referred to the Ordinance Com.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Special Meeting Monday Feby 26 1906

Council Chamber City Hall

El Paso Texas Feby 26th 1906

Council met pursuant to Call on the above day and date at 3 o'clock P.M. Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following Alderman answering to roll Call Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Hitt & Rand. 7. absent Look.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Petition of O T Ricksrud reduce taxes granted

Alderman Hammett to whom was refrd the following petition recommended that it be granted.

City Council of El Paso Texas

Gentlemen;

Whereas the value assessment of the following piece of property, to wit.

The south 18 ft of Lot 12 and the north 8 feet of lot 13 block 62. Campbells Addition to the City of El Paso has been increased from $400 to $500 and.

Whereas said piece of property never has sold for a larger Consideration than Five hundred dollars at which price it is still offered for sale.

Therefore I hereby respectfully petition this Council to reduce the value of assessment of said piece of property to four hundred dollars as heretofore assessed

Yours respectfully

O. T. Ricksrud

On motion the petition was granted.

Petition of Mrs McGrail reduce taxes granted

Chairman Hammett recommended that the following petition be granted.

El Paso Texas Feby 24th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen;

I would please ask you to reduce my assessment on lot 8 block 246. Campbell add from $1500. to $1200. as $1500. is to high I have made no extra improvments on said lot. I am poor and unable to pay any more. was assessed last year at $800.

Respectfully yours

Mrs McGrail

On motion the above petition was granted.

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Petition of W.J. Warnock reduce taxes granted

Chairman Haworth recommended that the following petition be granted.

El Paso Texas Feby 26th 1906

To his Hon the Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen:

I respectfully request that you reduce the tax assessment on the N E Half of lot 85 all of Lot 84 and S. E. 6 feet of lot 83 in block 8 Sunset Heights to $700.

The City Assessment for the year of 1904 was $600.

I am assessed for the year of 1905 $6000, this property which is vacant (or was vacant when this error was made,

There was a building put up on this property about october 1905. and after the assessment were made up, the whole property as now improved will not bring the assessment of $6000.

I therefore respectfully request that the assessment be reduced to 700. for the year 1905.

Respectfully submitted

W. J. Warnock

On motion the above petition was granted.

Alderman Fewel moved that the accept transportation over the Rock Island south to St. Louis & return.

The motion was carried

Resolution of thanks to E.P.&S.W for transportation

Alderman Fewel introduced the following resolution

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso that its thanks are hereby extended to Mr E. J. Simmons, General Manager of the El Paso & Southwestern Railway Company Mr V. R. Stiles General Passenger Agent of the El Paso and Southwestern Railway Company, and Mr Garnett King General Agent of the El Paso and Southwestern Railway Company for their courtesy in extending transportation over the El Paso and Southwestern Railway Companies lines and the lines of its associates to the City Council and the City Engineer from El Paso to Saint Louis.

Be it further resolved that in this action we recognize the public spirit of the El Paso and Southwestern Railway Company and its officials, and appreciate their action in this matter as a patriotic effort on their part to advance the interest of El Paso.

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on Motion the above resolution was adopted.

New Lyric Theater removes plank wall in rear

Alderman Hitt moved that the owners of the New Lyric Theater on the corner of Stanton and Ryan Streets be notified that they have built an addition in the rear of the said theater out of plank in violation of the law, and that they must remove the same at once or they will be prosecuted.
The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Ald Rand appointed to have Charge City parks

Alderman Fewel moved that some member of the Street + Grade Committee other than the Chairman be appointed to look after the City parks in conjunction with the Civic Improvement League
The motion was duly seconded and carried, and Mayor Davis appointed Alderman Rand.

Rand elected Mayor Protem

Alderman Hitt moved that Alderman Rand be elected Mayor Protem, during the absence of Mayor Davis.
The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Alderman Caples stated that he had some bids on building Cement Curbs and sidewalks around City parks and desired the Council to take some action in the matter. The following are the bids opened and considered

Bids on cement Curb + Sidewalk for Parks

Bid of R M Reiner Excavating 30¢ Curb per lin foot 35¢ walk per sq ft 14¢
" " E. F. Barwick Curb per lin foot 35¢ walk per sq ft 12¢
" " Pottinger Barnum + Mitchell " " " " 30¢ " " " " 10¢

Bid of Pottinger Barnum + Mitchell accepted.

Alderman Caples moved that as Pottinger Barnum + Mitchell was the lowest bidders that their bid be accepted.
The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Communication from Civic Imp League

Clerk read communication from Civic Imp League in regards to expenditure for hose and hose fixtures for the various City parks, and returning Check for $36.00 amount left over.
on Motion the Communication was received and filed.
Clerk read petition from the El Paso Ice + Refr Co for a franchise to string electric wire through the City.
on Motion the petition was refered to Fire and Water Com.
There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk