Special Meeting Monday Feby 4th 1907

Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso, Texas, Feby 4th 1907

Special meeting

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

The Clerk read the following call.

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Messrs J.B. Badger, George Look, W.J. Fewel, G.L. Hitt J.T. Grant, B.F. Hammett, Richard Caples, and H.J. Rand, Composing the Board of Aldermen of the City of El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the mayor has called a special meeting of the City Council to be held in his office in the City Hall this the 4th day of February 1907 at 3 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of considering the issuance of bonds and such other matters as may be brought before the meeting.

Yours very truly
Perry McGhee
City Clerk

City atty instructed to draw ordinance calling election Bond issue

Alderman Hammett moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up ordinance for submitting bond issue to the taxpayers for $100,000 for school purposes, $20,000 for opening of Sonora Street, $50,000 for storm water sewers provided the E.P. & S.W. Ry and G.H. & S.A. Ry will pay $12,500 each as their share of expenses.

The motion was duly seconded.

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

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

Police committee authorized to purchase police patrol wagon

Alderman Badger moved that the Police Committee be authorized to purchase patrol wagon, horses and harness the motion was duly seconded and carried.

City Clerk instructed to notify public service corporations and plumbers to get permit to dig up streets

Alderman Rand moved that the City Clerk be instructed to send notice to all public service corporations and all plumbers in the City that they must apply to City Engineer for permit to tear up streets in the paving district.

The motion was duly seconded ~~and carried~~

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City Clerk instructed to notify G.H.&S.A. to clean ditch

Aldermen Rand moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the G.H.&S.A. Ry Co to clean out the ditch on west main street along their tracks. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved

Charles Dosé
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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Council met in regular session on the above day and date, Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answered to roll call Badger, Caples, Grant, Hill and Rand. Absent Fewel, Hammett and Cook.

Minutes of regular meeting held Jan 3rd read and approved.
" Adj " " " " 5th " " "
" " " " " " 7th " " "
" " " " " " 10th " " "
" Adj " " " " 11th " " "
" " " " " " 11th " " "
" " " " " " 11th " " "
" " " " " " 14th " " "
" " " " " " 24th " " "
" Special " " " 31st " " "
" " " " Feby 4th " " "

Report of Officers

Report of City Clerk on building permits for the month of Jaury

Clerk submitted report of building permits for the month of January as follows

Total no of permits issued 24		
" " " " " @ 1.00 21 —		$21.00
" " " " " " .50 3		1.50
Total amt		22.50
Less 25 % Commission		5.65
settlement by Treasurer Receipt no 1931		$16.85

Respectfull submitted
Perry McGhee
City Clerk

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Clerk submitted the following report
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To the Hon Mayor & City Council of El Paso Texas
Gentlemen:
I beg to submit the following report of cash

Report of City Clerk on cash receipt

receipts for the month of January 1907, other than building permits

El Paso Electric Ry Co a/c paving	3260.75
" " " " " Copy of Charter & Ordinances	4.30
Refund Charity ticket to Memphis Tenn	17.50
Rent on Washington Park of year from Feby 13 1907 to Feby 13/1908	10.00
Refund on 1/2 rate ticket to Denver	14.40

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Mrs Hill, refund on ticket to Globe Ariz $3.55
Mrs M. C. Woods refund on ticket to Los Angeles 11.00
Total $3325.50

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

Clerk submitted the following report, showing the expenditures of the different Departments for the quarter ending June 30th 1906.

Report of City Clerk for quarter ending June 30

Departments	April	May	June	Total
Police	3229 59	2834 95	2810 57	8875 11
City Officials	1301 65	1349 15	1366 65	4017 45
Printing	212 52	97 17		309 69
Books + Stationary	213 00	40 00	86 50	339 50
Streets and Grades	2915 68	2921 66	2707 37	8544 71
Sanitary	445 80	432 95	655 10	1432 85
Pest House	905 85	323 17	919 41	2148 43
Charity	278 60	231 30	281 80	791 70
Parks	17933 54	2581 70	2631 86	23147 10
Sewer	899 47	1659 20	1449 75	4008 42
Light	1036 00	2128 00	1064 00	4228 00
Water	1021 25	2899 00	1579 12	5501 37
Fire	1439 03	1375 61	1440 07	4254 71
Interest		5635 93	3233 06	8868 99
Miscellaneous	425 00	425 00	425 00	1275 00
Library	425 00	425 00	425 00	1275 00
Plumbing	91 50	106 75	123 50	321 75
Current Expense items	178 80	257 08	249 50	685 38
Refund taxes	213 47	5 15	22 63	241 25
Donation act Fireman Convention	120 00			120 00
Coffin Judgment Interest + Discount		1484 49 69		1484 49 69
Totals	32860 75	40853 46	20962 89	93977 10

Showing the amount of warrants drawn on the respective funds for quarter ending June 30th 1906

Fund	April	May	June	Total
General	2723 214	2796 728	1150 571	6670 513
Special	1323 71	943 93	1568 11	3835 75
Street Maintenance	2535 68	2678 66	2303 87	7518 21
Sewer	899 47	1659 20	1449 75	4008 42
Contingent	140 20	101 88	169 45	411 53
Interest on Bonds		5625 00	3225 00	8850 00
Park	213 05	645 76	192 50	1051 31
Library	425 00	425 00	425 00	1275 00
Plumbing	91 50	106 75	123 50	321 75
Totals	32860 75	40853 46	20962 89	93977 10

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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on motion the report was recived and ordered filed.

Report of City Clerk on warrants to pay interest

Clerk submitted the following report.

El Paso, Texas. Feby 9th 1907

To the Hon Mayor & City Council, El Paso Texas

Gentlemen:

I beg to report the following warrants drawn to pay interest on outstanding bonds.

School Bonds no 4 1903	$50,000 – 6 mos Interest	5%		$250.00
Sewer " " 4 "	60,000 " " "	5%		150.00
Exchange				6.87
Total				$276.87

Respectfully submitted

Perry McGhee

City Clerk

on motion the report was recived and ordered filed.

Report of City Engineer on estimate of Texas Bitulithic Co on paving

City Engineer submitted the following report.

El Paso Texas Feby 7-1907

The Hon Mayor & City Council, El Paso Texas

Gentlemen:

Below I submit regular bi-weekly estimate of work done by the Texas Bitulithic Paving Company as follows:

6.809 Cu yds earth excavation	@	.26	$1770.34
33.992 Sq " Finished pavement	"	1.87½	63735.00
1.597 " " Rock foundation spread rolled	"	.40	638.80
46.8 Cu " Curb underpinned	"	.550	257.40
130 lineal feet " reset	"	.25	32.50
215.545 lbs of Castings in place	"	.03	6.466.35
8.417 Lineal feet St Ry track Concreted	"	1.12½	9.469.12
2.661 " " Concrete Culvert	"	.40	1.064.40
Total			$83.433.91

Less 20% held back	$16.686.78	
" Cash Sept 27/06	5.000.00	
" " Oct 12/06	1.798.98	
" " " 25/06	6.704.95	
" " Nov 8/06	6.515.81	
" " " 23/06	4300.11	
" " Dec 14/06	2.199.27	
" " " 28/06	8.939.16	
" " Jan 11/07	9.158.56	
" " " 25/07	10.483.98	$71.787.60
Balance due Feby 7th 1907		11.646.31

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Respectfully submitted
Geo C Winberly
City Engineer

on motion made and duly carried the estimate was received and warrant ordered drawn to pay same.

Plumbing Inspector submitted the following report

El Paso, Texas, Feby 11th 1907

Report of Plumbing Insp for Jany

To the Hon Mayor & City Council, City of El Paso.
Gentlemen:
I beg to hand you herewith my report for the month of January 1907.
During said month I have made 70 inspections and collected $157.50, as per Treasurers receipt herewith attached.

Very respectfully
V. E. Lubom
Plumbing Inspector

on motion the report was received and ordered filed

Police Committee

Report of Chief Police for Nov

Chairman Hitt to whom was referred the following report of Chief of Police for the month of November recommended that the report be received and ordered filed.

The report shows total amt of Collections	$1491.30
Less commission paid City Atty and Fine Collector	133.63
Amt turned in to City Treasurer	1357.67

on motion the recommendations were ordered carried out

Report of Chief Police for Dec

Chairman Hitt to whom was referred the following report of Chief of Police for the month of December recommended that the report be received and filed

The report shows total amt of Collections	$1397.05
Less commission paid City Atty + Fine Collector	124.50
Amt turned over to Treasurer	$1272.55

on motion the report was received and ordered filed

Strt + Grade Com

Petition of C. J. Dean grade Hill st granted

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

El Paso, Texas, Jan 3rd 1907

To the Hon City Council of the City of El Paso.
The undersigned citizens of the City of El Paso residing around and near Hill Street when it.

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where it intersects Magoffin Avenue on the south line of Magoffin Avenue and from then, in a southerly direction respectfully request you to order the Street Commission or other property authority to grade the said Hill street in order to prevent the accumulation of water therein.

They respectfully represent that the water drains from Magoffin Avenue and Olive Street into Hill Street between the two, and that it stands there untill it becomes offensive and dangerous; that the other streets in that section have been so drained, graded and filled as to make them safe and useful and that a small expenditure of Money on Hill street will put it in good condition and protect the people living on and adjacent to it.

They ask your immediate action

C. J. Dean et al

on motion made and carried the petition was granted.

Finance Committee

Chairman Rand to whom was referred the following bills and payroll recommended that they be allowed and ordered paid.

Payroll of city officials for Jan	Sewer Dept	payroll for January	958 55
	Engineering "	" " " "	477 00
	Health "	" " " "	742 65
	Pest House "	" " " "	237 00
	City Officials "	" " " "	1841 65
	Fire Dept "	" " " "	1305 00
	Police "	" " " "	3382 25
	V. E. Luhorn Plumbing	" " " "	151 50
	Street Cleaning	" " " week ending Jan 31st	216 50
	Parks	" " " " " " "	32 00
	Street Maintenance	" " " " " " "	330 90
	Street Cleaning	" " " " " Feby 7th	220 50
	Parks	" " " " " " "	20 00
	Street Maintenance	" " " " " " "	364 25
	Street Cleaning	" " " " " " 14th	192 00
	Parks	" " " " " " 14th	20 00
	Street Maintenance	" " " " " " 14th	441 25
Bills for Jany	Mrs Sullivan	feeding prisoners	269 55
	Inter Book & Stationery Co	supplies Eng Dept	22 90
	Tassitt & Kelly	Sewer pipe	785 95
	" "	supplies	5 33
	Paso City Foundry	Manholes	205 18
	Badger Fuel Co	Cement	68 40
	B Bloom & Co	blue print outfit	11 50

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J.Y. Wadlington	Sand & Gravel	Sanitary	21 00
El Paso Fuel Co C	Cement	"	31 20
Momsen & Co	Hardware	"	30 22
El Paso Foundry	supplies	"	1 20
Longwell Transfer Co	Hauling	"	28 00
T.H. Bennett	supplies	"	8 60
Peoples Drugstore	supplies	Park	35
Fraser Bros	plumbing	"	14 30
Badger Fuel Co	lime	"	45
R. D. Richey	plumbing	"	152 99
El Paso Library	Monthly Allowance		425 00
W. U. Tel Co	telegrams		50
Tom Spivey	towels		75
Texas Telegraph Co	telegrams		50
Fassett & Kelly	Hardware		5 65
E.F. Burwick	Curb		14 00
West Texas Saddlery Co	repairs		2 95
T.H. Bennett	blacksmithing		39 05
Caples Williams Lumber Co	Lumber		7 20
Burton Lingo Co	"		30 00
Fiwel & Smith	Feed		17 15
Pomeroy Transfer Co	Teams & Board		710 75
W. A. Mitchell	incidental		7 45
Adams Fire Engine Co	supplies		51 23
Gamewell Fire Alarm Co	Alarm boxes		332 50
Badger Fuel Co	Fuel		16 00
Tom Spivey	towels		2 00
Richey & Mustain	plumbing		13 50
Fitzgerald Moore	board for Charity		4 50
Peoples Drug Store	Drugs		1 25
Kelly & Pollard	"		35
Huntsman Auto Co	Hauling sick		3 00
El Paso Electric Ry Co	light		1 20
Pomeroy Transfer Co	Board & hire		17 00
Volney M Brown	notary fees		50
E W Earle	Stenographic work		2 45
W. M. Burke	repairs		1 25
Petersen & Mitchell	Cement walk in Coringer Sqe		794 53
Inter Water Co	Water		1488 75
Stetter & Schneider	meat		5 35
South Western Tel Co	rent on phone		12 00
El Paso Electric Ry Co	light		1110 74
Times Pub Co	printing Charter		334 58
El Paso Electric Ry Co	Light		18 40

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Grayson Drug Co	oil		2 00
Longwell Transfer Co	Hack hire		1 00
Fewel & Smith	Fuel		7 00
West Texas Fuel Co	"		34 00
E. E. Neff & Co	"		7 00
Kelly & Pollard	Drugs		210 65
" "	"		15 10
W. A. White & Co	supplies		24 95
Fewel & Smith	Feed		16 35
Standard Electrical Co	supplies		3 78
T. H. Bennett	blacksmithing		1 05
Wentworth Bros	supplies		5 00
Longwell Transfer Co	Hack		3 50
H H Brockenbron	supplies		5 00
Fewel & Smith	Feed		43 80
Howard & McPhetridge Co	groceries		45 90
Kelly & Pollard	Drugs		11 30
T. H. Springer	Dishes		4 45
D Kline	supplies		5 00
Stetter & Schneider	meat		15 85
J. D. Hughes	printing		70 00
Ellis Bros	"		57 05
T. J. Holland	cash for freight	Fire Dept	1 93
Pomeroy Transfer Co	freight	" "	11 37
Dan Kelly	cash	" "	29 50
Herald	printing	" "	90
Badger Fuel Co	fuel	" "	14 00
Pass City Paint Co	paint	" "	55
T. H. Springer	supplies	" "	3 25
Ellis Bros	"	" "	13 50
F Riley	"	" "	70
Central Machine Shop	"	" "	1 25
Ed. F. Murphy	shoeing	" "	8 50
E. E Neff Co	supplies	" "	7 00
El Paso Electric Sup Co	"	" "	5 58
Howard McPhetridge Co	"	" "	8 40
Burton Lingo Co	lumber	" "	5 00
Mine Smelter Sup Co	supplies	" "	1 19
O G Seeton & Son	Feed	" "	112 30
" " "	"	" "	22 45
Tuttle Paint & G Co	painting	" "	67 30
Western Elec Sup Co	supplies	" "	2 60
El Paso Elec Ry Co	light	" "	16 89
	suppers	" "	4 10
Fassett & Kelly Scavenger	hauling refuse	" "	17 00

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on motion the bills and payrolls were allowed and ordered paid.

Taxation Committee

Petition of L. M. Brock for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be granted and the assessment be reduced from $2500. to $1500.

El Paso Texas Jan 25th 1907

Hon Mayor and City Council:

As it falls upon me to pay the taxes on the North half of lot five and all of lot six in block six Satterwaithe Add. I petition the Hon Mayor and City Council to reduce the same.

This property was assessed for twenty five hundred dollars by the City since being assessed has sold for eighteen hundred dollars. The County has the same property assessed for one thousand dollars

Yours respectfully
L M. Brock

on motion the recommendation was ordered carried out

Petition of Bertha Hallamon for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the assessment be reduced from $3000.00 to $1200.

El Paso Texas Jan 29th 1907

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

Gentlemen:

Your petitioner, the undersigned, begs to state that at the time of the assessment for the 1906 tax she owned East 2/3 of lot 25. and all of lots 26 & 27 in block 9 Sunset Heights add to the City of El Paso, and that having just bought the property, she neglected to render an assessment on same, and the said property, being now carried on the unknown list assessed at one thousand dollars per lot, she begs you to reduce this assessment to $400 per lot, and for this your petitioner will ever pray.

Respectfully
Bertha Hallamon

on motion the recommendations were ordered carried out.

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

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Petition of Sutherland + Newman for tax reduction granted

El Paso, Texas, ~~Jany~~ 30th 1907

To the Hon Mayor + City Council

We desire to call your attention to the fact that you have fixed the assessed valuation of our property on the corner of Missouri and Kansas streets, at $15000 a raise of $2500, over that of last year.

Now we most earnestly protest against this raise, and ask you to compare our property with that of on corner of Stanton and Missouri belonging to Mr Brophy which you have assessed at $15000 also.

We have 120' on Missouri street by 182 on Kansas, on which there is a four room brick house, a 10 room brick house and a 3 room frame house, all three houses are about twenty years old, while on the Brophy property which is 130' on Stanton and 120' on Missouri, there is a six room double brick house, a new two story and basement store building with 3 stores rooms on the ground floor and 17 rooms in second story, and two 5 room bricks houses facing on Stanton street.

The Brophy property is worth at least 50% more than ours and brings in over twice the rent.

We therefore ask you to reduce our assessment to $12,500, that bring the figure at which we rendered it.

Respectfully

Sutherland + Newman

On motion made and carried the petition was granted.

Petition of M.L. McAlpin for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the assessment be reduced from $2200 to $1600.

El Paso Texas Jan 30th 1907

To the Hon Mayor + City Council:

Gentlemen:

The undersigned owner of the following property, lots 1 to 10 in block 2 H.P. add which was rendered at $1000 and raised by your hon body to $2200. The raise is out of all proportion as this property is unimproved and I ask you to make the reduction of same to one thousand dollars

Respectfully submitted

Mrs M.L. McAlpin

On motion the petition was granted as recommended by Taxation Committee.

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block 40 Alexander addition which you have assessed at $300 and I think you have made an error in this valuation. You have fractional block 42 of same addition valued at $250.00, this block is about twice as large as block 40.

I ask you to please reduce the valuation of block 40 to $150 which is a fair valuation

Respectfully submitted
L. M. Whitney

On motion the petition was denied.

Petition of C. G. Hawkinson for tax reduction denied

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be denied.

El Paso Texas, January 28th 1907

The Hon Mayor & City Council El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

We the undersigned respectfully request that the assessments on lots 1 to 16 block 289 Pierce Finley addition to the City of El Paso be reduced to the same basis as surrounding property of equal value.

We understand that block 293 Pierce Finley add containing 48 lots was assessed at $5500. or approximately an average of $115. per lot, also block 288 Pierce Finley add 44 lots among which 20 are south fronts on Nevada street were assessed at $5500, or approximately $125 per lot.

In view of these assessments on property of equal value or better we respectfully request that the assessments on said lots 1 to 16 in block 289 Pierce Finley add be reduced to $125 per lot or $2000. for the 16 lots in said block 289

Respectfully submitted
C. G. Hawkinson et al

On motion the petition was denied

Petition of B Alderete for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred to the following petition recommended that the assessment be reduced from $5000 to $3500.

El Paso, Texas. Jan 23rd 1907

To the Hon Mayor & City Council of El Paso,

We, the undersigned respectfully request your Hon Body that you reduce our taxes of lot 11, 12, 13, 14 + 15 in block 139 of Campbells addition to the City of El Paso, Texas, from $5000 to $3000 dollars as the same has been assessed extremely too high

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in comparison with the surrounding property. We have personally investigated this matter, and find that the surrounding property with much better improvements is assessed much less than ours, therefore we entreat you to reduce the taxes.

Yours respectfully
B Aldrich
Isaac Aldrich

on motion duly made and carried the recommendations of the Committee were ordered carried out

Petition of Mrs C Simmonson for tax reduction denied

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be denied.

El Paso Texas Jan 30th 1907

To the Hon Mayor & City Council

The undersigned, owner of lot 19 and East half of lot 18 block 83 Magoffins add respectfully asks you to reduce the assessed valuation of her property from $1500 to $1200 for the following reasons.

Because you have assessed the property of W.R. Taylor which adjoins that of the undersigned and is also one and a half lots but on the Corner of the block, and on which there is a 5 room house at $1200 while the undersigned has a four room house on her lot and which is inside property.

Respectfully
Mrs C Simmonson

on motion made and carried the petition was denied.

Fire & Water Committee

Petition of Silberberg Bros for arc light granted

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

El Paso, Texas. Jan 11th 1907

To the Hon Mayor and City Council:

We the undersigned citizens and tax payers of the City of El Paso, Texas, do respectfully request your honorable body to have an arc light placed on Texas and Willow avenue, as at present we have no lights whatever in said district.

Silberberg Bros et al

on motion the petition was granted.

Alderman Caples moved that the mayor be authorized to employ an assistant for Tax Collector to see to the collections of delinquent occupation taxes. The motion was duly

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and carried.

Special committee of Badger, Caples & T J Holland Chief Fire Dept to investigate gasoline ordinance

The matter of gasoline ordinance came up for discussion and a representative of some Eastern Concern making gasoline tanks requested the City Council to make some modifications in present ordinance. The mayor referred the matter to a committee composed of J.B. Badger Pro of Fire Dept. T.J. Holland Chief of Fire Dept & Richard Caples Chairman Fire and Water Committee

Communications

Clerk read the following petition

El Paso, Texas. Jan 31st 1907

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

Gentlemen:

Petition of Mrs Bertie Christopher for quit claim Deed granted

On behalf of Mrs Bertie Christopher. I request your body to authorize the mayor to sign a quit Claim Deed and release of the tax claim held by the City against the property of Mrs Christopher on Mesa Avenue. The description in the tax deed to the City was by mistake recorded as the west 65 feet of the west ½ of block 11 instead of the North 65 feet of the west ½ of block 11. I have submitted evidence of this fact to your City Attorney and have shown him that the City has been paid its taxes on this north 65 feet of the west ½ of block 11 and your City Attorney ~~has~~ will O.K this request.

Very truly

A.G. Foster.

2/2/07

This petition should be granted by the City Council

Wm H Burges

Acting for City Atty

on motion duly made and carried the petition was granted

Petition of second Baptist church for arc light

Clerk read petition of Second Baptist Church for an arc light

on motion the petition was referred to Fire & Water Com

Petition of J.A. Eastabrook tax reduction

Clerk read petition of J.A. Eastabrook for tax reduction

on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of O.B. Saitz tax reduction

Clerk read of O.B. Saitz for tax reduction

on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

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Petition of J.C. Hanson establish grade on campbell & Kansas st	Clerk read petition of J.C. Hanson to establish grade on Campbell and Kansas streets east and west of block 43 Alexander add on motion the petition was referred to Street & Grade Com.
Petition of Pastor of Sacred Heart Church relative to saloons	Clerk read petition of Pastor of Sacred Heart Church relative to saloons in that neighborhood. on motion the petition was referred to the City Attorney & Mayor
Petition of Mrs A.M. Roomis cost of repairs	Clerk read petition of Mrs A M Roomis et al for repairs on Myrtle st property on motion the petition was referred to Street and Grade Com.
Petition of J.C. Ruby for sewer extension	Clerk read petition of J.C. Ruby for sewer extension on motion the petition was referred to Sanitary Com
Petition of Mrs R.F. Steele remove stand pipe	Clerk read petition of Mrs F.R. Steele to remove stand pipe on motion the petition was referred to Fire and water Committee
Petition of Ed Scanlon for tax reduction	Clerk read petition of Ed Scanlon for tax reduction on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com
Petition of Mrs G.F. Tilton for tax reduction	Clerk read petition of Mrs Geo. F. Tilton for tax reduction on motion the petition was referred to taxation Com.
Petition of Frank M Bell tax reduction	Clerk read the petition of Frank M Bell for tax reduction on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com
Petition of Mrs A.F. Weidhas tax reduction	Clerk read the petition of Mrs A.F. Weidhas for tax reduction on motion the petition was referred to Taxation committee
Petition of T.J. Turner for tax reduction	Clerk read petition of T.J. Turner for tax reduction on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Committee
Petition of J.H. Coons for tax reduction	Clerk read petition of J.H. Coons for tax reduction on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.
Petition of F.B. Wilson for tax reduction	Clerk read petition of F.B. Wilson for tax reduction on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com
Petition of Joe Smith for tax reduction	Clerk read the petition of Joe Smith for tax reduction on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.
Petition of Mrs A.E. Hale for tax reduction	Clerk read petition of Mrs A.E. Hale for tax reduction on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

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Petition of H.C. Myles change name of Utah St to Commerce St

Clerk read the following petition
To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen
of the City of El Paso, Texas.
Gentlemen;
We the undersigned owners of property on Utah Street, do hereby petition your Hon body to change the name of Utah Street to Commerce Street
H. C. Myles etal
On motion duly made and carried the petition was granted and petition referred to City Attorney with instructions to draw up ordinance covering same.

Communication from R Keays relative to fire escapes

Clerk read Communication of R Keays relative to fire escape
on motion the Communication was referred to Fire & Water Com

Communication from Mrs E.S. Ainsa relative to fire escapes

Clerk read Communication from Mrs E.S. Ainsa relative to fire escapes.
on motion the petition was referred to Fire & Water Com

Communication from H.B. Stevens relative to fire escapes

Clerk read Communication from Horace B Stevens relative to Hotel Sheldon fire escapes
on motion the petition was referred to Fire & Water Com

Petition of J.G. House for arc light

Clerk read petition of J.G. House for arc light
on motion the petition was referred to Fire & Water Com

Clerk instructed to notify Texas & Pacific Ry put in crossing on Texas St

Chairman Caples moved that the Texas and Pacific Ry be notified by City Clerk to put in crossing on Texas Street.
the motion was duly seconded and carried.

As no bids were received to pave alleys in paving district the Mayor referred the Matter to Street and Grade Com.

There being no further business the Council adjourned
Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso, Texas. Feby 21st 1907

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

The minutes of the last regular meeting was read and approved.

Mt Street name changed from Commerce to Broadway

H. C. Myles appeared before the Council and stated that since the Council had granted his petition changing name of Utah street to Commerce street he had found that there was already one street of that name and requested that the name be changed to Broadway. Alderman Grant moved that the name of Broadway be inserted in place of Commerce St as change of name of Utah St. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Petition of McAfee

Mr McAfee appeared before the Council and requested that his petition be reconsidered. On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Committee.

Report of Officers

Report of Chief Police for Jan

Chief of Police submitted his report for the month of Jan on motion the petition was referred to Police Com.

Report of City Electrician for Jan

City Electrician submitted his report for the month of Jan showing total collection for the month — $47.30 on motion made and carried the report was received and filed

Report of City Engineer on Estimate due Texas Bitulithic Co for street paving

City Engineer submitted the following report

El Paso, Texas Feby 21st 1907

The Hon Mayor and City Council El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen

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

8.242	Cu yds excavation	@ .26	$2142.92
40.468	Squ " finished pavement	@ 18½	7587.60
1.344	" " Rock foundation spread & rolled	" .40	537.60
47.8	Cu " Curb underpinned	" 5.50	262.90
130	lin ft stone Curb reset	" .25	32.50
221.251	lbs Casting in place	" .03	6.63
10.712	Lin ft Car track Constructed	" 1.12½	12.05
2.709	" " Cement Culverts	" .40	1.08
Total			$9862.55

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Amount Forward		$98.625.53
Less 20% held back	$19.729.10	
Cash Sept 27/06	5000.00	
" Oct 12/06	1798.98	
" " 25/06	6704.95	
" Nov 8/06	6515.81	
" " 23/06	4300.11	
" Dec 14/06	2199.27	
" " 28/06	8939.16	
" Jan 11/07	9158.56	
" " 25/07	10483.98	
" Feby 8/07	11646.31	86476.23
Balance due Feby 21st 1907		$12149.32

Respectfully Submitted
Geo C Leinberg
City Engr

On motion made, seconded and duly carried the report was received and amount ordered paid.

Report of Park Commissioner on Expenses to San Francisco

Robt A Harris Park Commissioner submitted the following report of Expenses of trip to San Francisco
Warrants drawn for Expenses to San Francisco and return to El Paso 160.00

To round trip ticket to San Francisco	$60.00	
" Sleeper to Los Angeles	5.50	
" " " San Francisco	2.50	
" Six meals on cars	5.70	
" R.R. fare to Nursery	6.00	
1 Hotel Expense 9 days @ 3.00	27.00	
" five meals returning	4.50	
" Sleeper returning	8.00	$119.20
Balance returned		40.80

R. A. Harris
Park Supt

Feby 19th 07

On motion made and duly carried the report was received and ordered filed

City Clerk submitted the following report for Quarter Ending Sept 30th 1906.

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Report of City Clerk quarter Ending Sept 30

Showing Expenditures of the different departments for the quarter Ending September 30th 1906

Department	July	Aug	Sept	Total
Policy	$2944 30	$2836 15	$3351 75	$9132 20
City Officials	1366 65	1366 65	1366 65	4099 95
Printing	36 21		389 16	425 37
Books + Stationery	71 75		38 25	110 00
Streets + Grades	2550 37	1376 82	3878 67	7805 86
Sanitary	544 15	248 00	768 05	1560 20
Charity	218 80	55 10	357 05	630 95
Pest House	441 72	249 47	1322 76	2013 95
Parks	100 00	124 50	335 75	560 25
Sewer	832 05	446 75	2150 25	3429 05
Light	1064 00		2128 00	3192 00
Water	1662 50		3121 24	4783 74
Fire	1611 86	1332 30	2615 86	5560 02
Interest	1754 37		4491 19	6245 56
Transfered		2000 00	2000	4000 00
Miscellaneous				
Library	425 00		850 00	1275 00
Plumbing	127 00	190 00	117 50	434 50
International Water Co forfeit		10000 00		10000 00
Current Expenses	138 20	125 49	227 00	490 69
Bond Premiums			326 25	326 25
Paving			5000 00	5000 00
Refund Taxes			27 41	27 41
Totals	$15888 93	$20351 23	$34862 79	$71102 95

Showing the amount of warrants on the respect funds for the quarter Ending September 30th 1906

Fund	July	Aug	Sept	Total
General	$9156 14	$5527 07	$13563 14	$28246 35
Special	1089 07	2931 49	4704 38	8724 94
Street	2272 37	1076 32	3452 67	6801 36
Sewer	832 05	446 75	2150 25	3429 05
Contingent	137 30	55 10	209 10	401 50
Interest	1750 00		4480 00	6230 00
Park	100 00	124 50	335 75	560 25
Library	425 00		850 00	1275 00
Plumbing	127 00	190 00	117 50	434 50
Water Co forfeit		10000 00		10000 00
Street paving			5000 00	5000 00
Totals	$15888 93	$20351 23	$34862 79	$71102 95

Respectfully submitted

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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

City Treasurer submitted the following report for quarter ending Dec 31st 1906

Report of City Treasurer for quarter Ending Dec 31st

Funds		Balance hand Sept 29th/06	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance hand Dec 31 1906
General		5647 43	2620 79	4620 09	3668 13
Special		2291 49	9192 48	5631 55	5852 42
Street Maintenance		9884 21	610 91	7488 72	3012 40
Sewer		1755 84	711 90	2293 98	173 16
Artisian Water Bonds		16 39			16 39
Sewer Extn + Imp Bonds	98	11 48 29	24 43	450	7122 72
City Hall + Fire Dept	98	3001 14	58 03	900	2159 17
Water Works Bonds		864 43			864 43
Supp City H + Jail "	99	1525 21	18 34		1543 55
Contingent		418 55	532 60	407 01	544 14
Sewer Bonds		40 83			40 83
Comp Water Bonds	99	676 00			676 00
Funded Indebtedness		1144 09	36 64		1180 73
School Bonds	90	3069 94	54 99		3124 93
School "	98	2590 62	54 99		2646 60
Sup City Hall + Jail Bonds	1900	891 90	15 29		907 18
Sewer Extn + Imp " #3	1900	1816 50	30 54		1847 04
School Bonds #3	1901	5614 77	128 30	1875 00	3868 07
El Paso Ry Co Forfit			25000 00	25000 00	
Free Library		1814 03	113 02	1275 00	652 05
Street Opening fund		112 10			112 10
Special Street Payroll		4 65			4 65
School Bonds #4	1903	3496 60	82 47		3579 07
Sewer Extn + Imp #4	1903	3427 77	100 79		3528 56
School Bonds #5	1904	923 23	82 48		1005 71
Park Maintenance		1087 05	1064 09	1288 35	859 79
Street Pav Dist 1		571 93	979 53	4375 00	2324 46
" " " " Fund		17267 61		30458 28	14221 33
Plumbing Inspector			335 00	335 00	
Payroll Houston Square		514 78	514		514 78
Total		23121 38	41844 60	86371 98	18764 00

On motion made and carried the report was received and ordered filed.

Street + Grade Committee

Chairman Caples moved that the bid of Mr Louie Botts to pave all alleys in the paving

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Bid of Louis Cotto to pave alleys with cobble stone

district No 1 with cobble stone at $1.00 per square yard be accepted and city atty instructed to draw up a contract for same. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Sanitary Committee

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

Petition of J.C. Ruby for sewer extension granted

El Paso, Texas. Feby 7th 1907

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

Gentlemen;

I hereby request that the sewer be extended from the main in Newman street through the alley in block 81 in rear of lots 1 & 5 inclusive Franklin Heights addition

Respectfully

J C Ruby

on motion the petition was granted.

Finance Committee

Charima Rand recommended that the following payroll be allowed and ordered paid

Payrolls of St Grade, park, & St Cleaning

Parks payroll for week ending Feby 21st		$23.00
Streets " " " " " "		455.00
Street Cleaning " " " " " "		217.00

Taxation Committee

Petition of Joe Smith for tax reduction denied

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

The State of Texas.

County of El Paso.

To the Hon Chas Davis Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of El Paso.

Now comes Joe Smith and respectfully represents to the board that he as the owner of two lots out East on Texas st, was notified by your honors that his assessed value on these lots had been raised from $2500 to $4000, At the time he filed a protest duly sworn to showing that he had on said property an adobe shack worth very little, and that his improvements on said lots were of small amount. And he feels that the price of $4000 so put upon his property is exhorbitant and very oppressive. He therefore prays your honorable body to reduce

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the assessed value to $25 ~~2000~~ as being both fair and reasonable and he will ever pray &c

Jos Smith by his
Atty
J. T. Stapleton.

on motion made and carried the petition was denied

Petition of J. A. Estabrook for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the assessment be reduced from $2000 to $1000.

El Paso Texas Feby 6th 1907

To the Hon Mayor and City Council
Gentlemen:

Mr J. A. Eastabrook owned and paid taxes on lots Nos 15 + 16 in block 146 Campbells add. He has just sold these two lots for $1200, The City taxes for 1906 are $37.50 on the unrendered roll. I will ask you to please look into this and place the taxes valuation on the lots at $700. as it was an error in placing such a high valuation on the lots when they were assessed

J A Estabrook
by A. P. Coles Bros agts

on motion made and carried the recommendation were ordered carried out.

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

El Paso, Texas, Feby 10th 1907

Petition of Ed Scanlon for tax reduction granted

To the Hon Mayor + City Council, El Paso Tex
Gentlemen,

Last year I was assessed at $1000. for my property consisting of a five room singlestory brick cottage located on East Boulevard st all of lot 25 and west 13⅓' of lot 26 block 62 Franklin Ht Add.

I neglected to render this property for this years taxes and have been assessed at $2500. which I think is too much and considerably more than other property in my vacinity

I think a fair assessment on this property would be $2000 and respectfully request your honorable body to order the assessment reduced to this amount.

Yours respectfully

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Ed. Scanlon

on motion made and carried the petition was granted.

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

El Paso, Texas Jan 31st 1907

Petition of J.H. Simpson for tax reduction granted

To the Hon Mayor & City Council.

Gentlemen;

I am the owner of lot 8 in block 234 Campbells add with a small 3 room brick of cheap material the house is located on back of lot. I ~~would~~ ask the assessor what was a fair valuation and he said about $800, I put it in at that figure. I have been offered $15.00 for the place

Respectfully request that you reduce my assessment from $1000 to $800.

Respectfully submitted

J.H. Simpson

on motion made and carried the petition was granted.

Petition of F.B. Wilson for tax reduction granted

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

El Paso Texas Feby 9th 1907

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

Gentlemen.

I am the owner of a 5 room brick singlestory house located on the east half of lot 21 ~~and~~ and all of lot 22 block 62 Franklin Hts Add. 1309 Boulevard St.

Through ignorance of the requirement I neglected to render this property for taxes and have been assessed at $2500. Last year the assessment was $2000, this is about what other property in this vicinity is assessed at and I think it would right for mine, and therefore beg your honorable body to consider my petition and have my assessment reduced as requested.

Yours respectfully

F.B. Wilson

on motion the petition was granted.

Petition of Mrs A.E. Hale for tax reduction granted

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

El Paso Texas Feby 6th 1907

To the Hon Mayor & City Council of El Paso

Sirs

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I find that lots 17 + 18 block 24 Franklin Hts add have been listed by the City at $1500.

I purchased these lots just last for $1600, Consequently believe the rating to be exorbitant and respectfully ask your honorable body to place them at $1000.

Very respectfully
C. E. Hale

On motion the petition was granted.

Communications

Petition of Joseph Smith for tax reduction — Clerk read petition of Joseph Smith for tax reduction
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of John Trick for tax reduction — Clerk read petition of John Trick for tax reduction
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of Mrs D W Bowers tax reduction — Clerk read petition of D. W. Bowers for tax reduction
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of J. D. O'Connor for tax reduction — Clerk read petition of J. D. O'Connor for tax reduction
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of Mrs John Donohue tax reduction — Clerk read petition of Mrs John Donohue for tax reduction
On motion the petition was referred to taxation Com

Petition of Carrie Walker for tax reduction — Clerk read petition of Carrie Walker for tax reduction
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of J. A. Weaber for tax reduction — Clerk read petition of J. A. Weaber for tax reduction
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of D. C. Eells for tax reduction — Clerk read petition of D. C. Eells for tax reduction.
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of Mrs Dan Kelly remittance of taxes — Clerk read petition of Mrs Dan Kelly for remittance of taxes
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of H. R. Whittington for arc light — Clerk read petition of H. R. Whittington for arc light
On motion the petition was referred to Fire Marshal Com

Petition of Mrs Samuel Schutz tax reduction — Clerk read petition of Mrs Samuel Schutz for correction in valuation and reduction of taxes.
On motion the petition ~~the~~ was referred to Taxation Com

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Petition of F. W. Gallagher build spur track

Clerk read petition of F W Gallagher for permission to construct spur track.
on motion the petition was referred to Street & Grade Com

Unfinished Business

Petition of Union Depot

Alderman Cook moved that the matter of petition of Union Depot be referred to Street & Grade Com with power to act
The motion was duly seconded and carried

On motion made and seconded and carried

J. J. Conners instructed to get bids on fence around Alligator pond

Mr J.J. Conners was instructed to get bids and close contract for fence around Alligator pond in San Jacinto park.

City Clerk instructed to notify R.R. place crossings at Leon and New San Francisco Sts.

City Clerk was instructed to notify Railroads to place crossings at Leon and New San Francisco Sts.

New Business

Mayor Davis stated to the Council that he had closed the following contract with the Kelly Springfield Road Roller Co for a new roller.

Contract between City and Kelly Springfield Steam roller for New roller

Agreement made and entered into by and between the Kelly Springfield Road Roller Co of Springfield, Clark County, Ohio, party of the first part and the City of El Paso of El Paso County party of the second part.
Witnesseth; That party of the first part agrees to sell to the party of the second part one of their latest improved double engine 20000 lbs machine steam road rollers, for the sum of Two thousand & old machine dollars f.o.b. El Paso Texas and billed to the City of El Paso, to be shipped by the 28th day of Feby 1907.
Said roller to be constructed as per specifications attached hereto and guaranteed as below, and further to furnish a competent man to unload and operate said roller for 6 days free of charge to the party of the second part. The party of the second part agrees to notify party of the first part on the arrival of said roller and to furnish water, Coal, oil and other material necessary in unloading same.
The party of the second part further agrees that if said roller proves to be as represented after 6 days trial to accept said roller and pay for it in the sum of Two thousand and old machine dollars, as follows, one thousand cash on approval and one thousand dollars 6 months thereafter from date of approval at 5% interest. Guarantee; Party of the first part guarantees said

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roller to be made of first class material and workmanship and durable with proper care, and if properly handled will do first class work whenever it is possible for such a machine and further agrees to duplicate and furnish free of charge f.o.b their works, for a period of one year from date of delivery, any part that may prove defective in either workmanship or material.

In witness whereof, the said parties have hereunto and to another instrument of like tenor subscribed their names this 20 day of Feby A.D. 1907.

City of El Paso — The Kelly Springfield Road Roller Co
by Charles Davis — by J.H. Bales Agt
Mayor of the City of El Paso

On motion made, seconded and duly carried the Mayor's action was ratified

There being no further business the council adjourned

Approved

Charles Davis — Percy McGhee
Mayor — 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 and the following aldermen answered to roll call, Badger Grant, Hammett, Hitt, Look and Rand. 6. Absent Caples and Frowl.

Mayor Davis being sick and absent Alderman Rand moved that Alderman Hammett be elected Mayor protem, the motion was duly seconded and carried. Alderman Hammett took the Chair as Mayor protem.

Minutes of last regular meeting was read and approved.

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Report of Officers

City Atty Burges submitted the following report

El Paso, Texas, Feby 28th 1907

To the Honorable City Council of the City of El Paso.

Report of City atty on quit Claim deed to R W Long

I present herewith request of R W Long for quit Claim deed from the City, lot number nineteen in block 116, also lot number twenty in block 116 and east 46 and 5/12 feet of lots 17, 19 and 20 ~~all~~ block 116, all in Campbell addition to the City of El Paso.

I have examined the certificate of the City assessor and Collector of taxes showing that all delinquent taxes thereon have been paid, together with interest, penalties and costs and I therefore respectfully recommend that the mayor be authorized to execute the accompanying quit claim deed.

Respectfully Submitted
Richard F Burges
City Atty

On motion made and duly carried the mayor was authorized to sign the above mentioned quit Claim Deed.

Report of City atty on petition of Phil H Young

City Atty Burges submitted a report upon the petition of Phil. H. Young for laying new side walk by the City.
On motion the report and petition was postponed for one week.

Report of City atty on petition of Mrs Mary Kelly for damages

City Atty Burgess to whom was referred the petition of Mrs Mary Kelly for damages, made the following report

El Paso Texas Feby 28th 1907

To the Honorable City Council of the City of El Paso.

In the matter of the claim of Mrs Mary Kelly for damages claimed to have been sustained by her buggy, etc.

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by reason of defective condition of Myrtle avenue or Florence Street, I have the honor to report that the City is not liable for damages caused by defective condition of the streets unless notice in writing has been theretofore filed with the City Clerk pointing out the defect in the street, and this not appearing to have been done in this case Mrs Kelly would not be entitled to recover in law, I respectfully recommend that said petition be denied

Respectfully submitted
Richard F Burges
City Atty.

on motion made and duly carried the report was received and petition denied

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

El Paso Jan 18th 1907

Petition of Mrs Mary Kelly for Damages

To the Mayor and City Council,

I ask your honorable body if you have taken any action of the claim I sent you to the mayor four weeks ago. I thought that maybe the letter was too long as I went to details to tell how the trouble happened My horse got his hind legs in a hole on the Corner of Myrtle and Florence sts and he fell on his side there was a puddle of water and lots of mud but I been in the habit of driving in places around the City that looked as bad but the hole is what caused trouble. I thought that the poor horse would drowned. He had some bad scratches about the fetlocks and was crippled pretty badly for a few weeks but seems to be all right again My buggy was broken and the harness damaged, The buggy stayed out all day and night and was in a bad shape when it got out the hole. I got badly scared, and I really think my equal never got on a street in the city before. I was mud from head to foot. I tried to get the horse loose myself but I was so scared that I coned not do much, but a man named Clark came to my assistance. He works for the Mercantile Co. on Texas Street, if it were not for him I do not know what would happen, he surely did

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good work. He and a Mr of the Trust building. There are many more things I could tell but I do not want to tire the Council like I did our honorable Mayor 4 weeks ago. I only sent the small bill of $50.00 for repairing my carriage and for damage done to my clothes and I can assure you that I could not be paid for my scare and my feelings, as it was very embarrassing to have to get on a car and go to the end of the city. Now hoping that the body of Councilmen will look at this in the right light and the small sum of $50.00 not too much for the claim. Hoping that this will get prompt attention as my buggy is five weeks in the repair shop and it is very inconvenient for me to get along without it.

I remain Respectfully
Mrs Mary Kelly
1305 Wyoming St
El Paso.

P.S.
Please excuse all the incorrectness as I am very nervous at present.

On Motion the petition was received and filed

Ordinance authorizing bond issue for School purposes 1st reading

City Attorney Burges introduced an ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the purpose of providing for the purchase of School building sites and for the erection and permanent improvement of City Schools buildings in the City of El Paso, Texas.

The ordinance was placed upon its first reading and after having been read Alderman Rand moved that the ordinance be adopted, the motion was duly seconded.

The Acting Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the ordinance to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows, Yeas, Badger, Grant, Hammett Hitt, Look and Rand, 7. Nays, none, absent Caples and Fewel.

Whereupon acting Mayor Hammett declared that a majority ~~vote~~ of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the ordinance the same be and is hereby adopted,

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Ordinance authorizing issuance bonds for Storm Sewers. passed 1st reading

City Atty Burges submitted an ordinance authorizing the issuance of Bonds for the purpose of providing a system of Storm sewers for the City of El Paso, Texas. After the ordinance was placed upon its first reading and after having been read, Alderman Rand moved the adoption of the Ordinance, the motion was duly seconded.

The acting mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the ordinance to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows. Yeas, Badger, Grant, Hammett, Hitt, Look and Rand, 6. Nays, none. absent Coplin and Fewel.

Thereupon acting mayor Hammett declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the adoption of the ordinance the same be and is hereby adopted

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P. Ordinance authorizing issuance bonds for Street opening passed 1st reading

City Atty Burges submitted an ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the purpose of opening and extending Sonora Street in an easterly direction to the west line of South El Paso street in the City of El Paso, Texas.

The ordinance was placed upon its first reading and after having been read, Alderman Rand moved the adoption of the ordinance, the motion was duly seconded.

The Acting mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the ordinance to be taken by roll Call which when taken resulted as follows Yeas Badger, Grant, Hammett, Hitt, Look and Rand, 6. Nays, None. absent Coplin and Fewel.

Thereupon acting Mayor Hammett declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the adoption of the ordinance the same be and is hereby adopted.

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Report of City Clerk for quarter ending Dec 31st 1906

City Clerk submitted the following report

City clerks quarterly report showing the expenditures of the different departments for the quarter ending December 31st 1906

Department	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Police	$ 3[illegible]	$ 345119	$ 378149	$ 103825
City Officials	136665	136665	136665	409995
Printing		2484	6876	9360
Books & Stationery	2375	10645	10875	23895
Streets & Grades	293142	310905	265180	869227
Sanitary	54240	45740	69965	166945
Pest House	44057	35049	33771	112877
Charity	16435	25000	28075	69510
Parks	86655	24975	14560	126190
Sewer	121250	60618	109805	291673
Light	106400	106603	107800	320803
Water	153962	155962	146037	455961
Fire	183773	157137	173508	514418
Interest	438593		322500	761093
Transferred		100000		100000
(Miscellaneous)				
Library	42500	42500	42500	127500
Plumbing	12500	12000	9000	33500
Paving	850393	1081592	1113843	3045828
Current Expense Items	16745	19601	16915	53261
J. F. Priest a/c property owners	23794			23794
St. Ry. Franchise forfeit (Rtd.)			2500000	2500000
Totals	$ 2896036	2672595	5483024	11051655

Showing the amount of warrant drawn on the respective funds for the quarter ending December 31st 1907

Fund	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	$	$	$	$
General	914438	951065	1017102	2882605
Special	172078	225609	119584	517271
Street Maintenance	247942	266480	224180	738602
Sewer	121250	60618	109805	291673
Contingent	10780	15156	9950	35886
Interest	437500		322500	760000
(Miscellaneous)				
Parks	86655	17575	14560	118790
Library	42500	42500	42500	127500
Plumbing	12500	12000	9000	33500
Paving	850393	1081592	1113843	3045828
St. Ry. franchise forfeit			2500000	2500000
Total	$ 2896036	2672595	5483024	11051655

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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on motion made and carried the report was received and filed

Sanitary Committee

Street Cleaning force to be discontinued

Chairman Badger recommended that the street cleaning force be discontinued after next Saturday.
on motion the recommendations were ordered carried out

Ordinance Committee

Ordinance changing name of Utah st passed 1st reading

Chairman Look submitted an ordinance changing the name of Utah Street to Broadway st.

The ordinance was placed upon its first reading, when read Alderman Look moved the adoption of the ordinance the motion was duly seconded.

The Acting Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the ordinance to be taken by roll call when totten resulted as follows. Yeas, Badger, Grant, Hammett, Hitt, Lood and Rand. 6 Nays None, absent Caples and Fewel

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

Finance Committee

Payroll of Str Grade allowed

Chairman Rand recommended that the payroll of Street and Grade for week ending Feby 28th amnt to $218.50 recommend that it be allowed and ordered paid, the recommendation was ordered carried out

Taxation Committee

Petition of Mrs Geo F Pilton for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the valuation on Lots 13 to 16 block 69 F.H. add be reduced from $1400 to $1200, Lots 4 to 6 block 32 Alexander add from $1000 to $750, Lots 13 to 16 block 32 Alexander add from $1200 to $1000.

To the Hon Mayor & City Council, El Paso Texas

Gentlemen:

I hereby petition you for a reduction of my tax assessment on the following property. Lots 13 to 16 block 69 Morehead Add, Lots 1 to 4 Block 23 Alexanders add, Lots 8 to 10 Block 31 Alexanders add. Lots 4 to 6 block 32 Alexanders add. Lots 13 to 16 block 32 Alexander Add. Now assessed $130.20 valued $5650.00

This I consider excessively high as last years city taxes were $89.26 and county taxes are $3.08 more

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them last year. I feel that last year's valuation of property was just ($4850.00) and beg that you consider my petition favorably

Most respectfully
Mrs Geo F Pelton.

on motion made and carried the recommendations were ordered carried out.

Petition of J.D.O. Connor for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be granted and valuation be reduced from $2000 to $1600.00

El Paso, Texas. 2/19/07

To the Hon Mayor + Board of Aldermen of the City of El Paso Texas,
Gentlemen;

I the undersigned owner of the following described property, being in and situated in the City of El Paso as follows The East 16 2/3 feet of lot No 20 and west 16 2/3 feet of lot 21 in block 25 according to the map of Franklin Heights addition to the City of El Paso, do consider that the assessment on the above described property, viz two thousand dollars is excessive exorbitant and unjust, The improvements on said real estate consisting of one four room brick Cottage, The Cost of this property to me, being two thousand and one hundred dollars, and I pray and petition you to have said assessment reduced to the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars which in my estimation would be sufficient.

Yours respectfully.
J. D. O'Connor

on motion made and carried the petition was granted and property valuation reduced from $2000 to $1600.

Petition of Joseph Smith for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the valuation be reduced from $2000 to $1800.

El Paso Texas Feby 5th 1907

City Council of El Paso, Texas.
Dear Sirs,

A few days ago I went down to pay the tax on my property on 311 W Boulevard 20 ft of lot No 79 and 15 ft of lot 78 in block (6) Sis Satterthwaites add which has a five room cottage on it and cost me only $2650, two years ago, and last year it was assessed for $1500 and as the City assessor did not come around nor send

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me a notice I overlooked to render the property and it went in on the unrendered roll, and they have put it up to two thousand dollars which is an unjust assessment.

Hoping you will look into the matter and put it down to a just basis

I remain very truly yours
Joseph Smith.

on motion made and carried the recommendations were ordered carried out.

Petition of A F Heidhas for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the valuation be reduced from $2000 to $1,700

Hon Chas Davis Mayor & Board of Alderman of the City of El Paso, Texas.

Petition for reduction of assessment of taxes.

Now Comes Mrs A.F. Heidhas by Sam B Gillett her attorney and respectfully requests that the assessment on lot 40 and the east half of lot 39 block 1 r Sunset Heights addition to the city of El Paso be reduced to the sum of $1500 the amount to which it was reduced by this honorable body sometime last year

Your petitioner shows that she is a poor person and compelled to work for a living and that the only time that she can get away from her work is at noon, that during said hour the assessors office is closed and for that reason she did not render her said property for taxation, that it probably did not appear on the assessors rolls that said reduction had been made on said property and the assessor not knowing of said reduction assessed it at the former figure of $2000. She further says that she has an invalid mother and that their property up the river was washed away last year and they lost all they had on said farm and that they have not been able to restore the same and that it is a great sacrifice for her to pay on a $1500 assessment

She further states that she had no notice of and did not know that her said property had been assessed at $2000 until yesterday the 30th day of January 1907.

Therefore she prays that said assessment be set aside and reduced to the sum of $1500 the amount fixed by this honorable body in the year 1906

Mrs A.F. Heidhas by
Sam B Gillett atty

on motion the recommendations were ordered carried out.

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be denied.

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Petition of Mrs Jno Donohue for tax reduction denied

El Paso Feby 14th 1907

Hon Mayor & City Council.

Dear Sir.

We find our place on west Franklin St no 214, valued $4000.00, while property on corner near mine is assessed at $3000. Does not look fair to me to pay more than my neighbor and would like for your honorable body to place same at $3500 the amount I rendered same for

Very truly yours

Mrs Jno Donohue

Petition of Mrs Dan Kelly & others remission of tax on parsonage granted

On motion the petition was denied.

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

El Paso Feby 20th 1907

To the Hon Mayor & City Council

Gentlemen:

We the undersigned would respectfully petition your honorable body to remit the city taxes upon lots 4 & pt of 5 block 20 Harts Add. We have purchased the this property for a manse and belongs to the First Presbytrian Church of this City and is only used as a home for our pastor, The County has kindly agreed to remit all County taxes on this property. We ask that you look into this and give us the relief we ask. and that the exemption be made permanent

Respectfully submitted

Mrs Dan Kelly & others

On motion the petition was granted

Petition of Frank M Bell for tax reduction denied

Acting Chairman Grant 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.

Feby. 7th 1907

Your petitioner, Frank M. Bell, respectfully represents that he is the owner of 26 feet on the West line of Kansas Street in Block 197 Campbell's Addition, beginning 70 ft. 8 in. North from the Southeast corner of the Block, the property being generally known as the City Transfer Property; that he is informed by the City Tax Assessor that the property was not rendered for taxation in the year 1902 except under the following circumstances: that in this year his mother

Lizzie M. Bell, held the title to 2/3 of this property and 24 feet adjoining, and A. P. Coles held the remaining 1/3 of said 50 feet, which were held in undivided interests, that A. P. Coles assessed and rendered his 1/3 of this 50 feet at $510.00, and he paid the taxes on it for that year of $10.04; that Mrs Bell overlooked the rendering of this property and her two thirds interest was put upon the unrendered tax roll at a valuation of $3000, or about six times the amount of Mr Coles 1/3 interest; that your petitioner desires to pay off all taxes on this property, including penalty & costs, but that the condition which was involuntary, on the part of the owner, is exhorbitant, and he requests your Honorable body that he may be allowed to settle the taxes at the same rate of valuation as that paid by the owner of the undivided 1/3.

Respectfully submitted

Frank M. Bell.

On motion the petition was denied.

Petition of J. H. Coons for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition, recommended that the valuation be reduced from $2450.00 to $2000

Petition of J. H. Coons to the Honorable City Council of El Paso, Texas, for reduction of valuation and taxes on lots 14 to 21, Block 76, Franklin Heights Addition, for the year 1906.

To the Honorable City Council of El Paso, Tex.

Now comes your petitioner, J. H. Coons, and represents that for the past year he has been absent from the City, and that while so absent he requested his El Paso agent to render for taxes the aforesaid property; that said agent did so render said property for State and County taxes, but appears to have neglected to render said property for City taxes, and that by said City it was assessed on the Unrendered Roll at $2450.00; that its reasonable and fair market value on the first day of January, 1906, was $300.00 per lot, or $2400.00 for

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the eight lots, and that two thirds of said market value, which is the customary valuation for taxation, was $1600.00, which was the valuation accepted by the Tax Assessor and Collector for El Paso County.
Wherefore your petitioner prays your honorable body to reduce the valuation of said property for city taxes for the year 1906 from said $2450.00 to $1600.00, and to grant him the proper relief from paying taxes on the $850.00 reduction herein requested.

Very respectfully,
J. H. Coons.

On motion the valuation was reduced in part.

Petition of Mrs. F. J. Turner for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the valuation be reduced from $2000 to $1800

El Paso, Feb. 6th, 1907.

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

Gentlemen,
I wish to call your attention to what I consider an exhorbitant increase in valuation of my property, to wit: The E. 1/2 of Lot 40, and the whole of Lot 41, situate in Block 10, Sunset Heights Addition, which, through my not understanding the custom, I neglected to render, and it was put on the unrendered roll and the valuation raised from $1000.00 to $2000.00, without my being notified of same until I went to pay my taxes.

My place is a six room cottage situated at 655 Upson Ave. for which I paid on Sept. 2nd, 1904, $2500.00, as the records will show. This valuation of $2000.00 seems excessive as compared with other property in my neighborhood and in other parts of the city.

I trust that your honorable body will give this your consideration and I feel sure that you will find, as I claim, that I am assessed too high for a six room cottage in this location.

Thanking you for your attention in this

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matter, I beg to remain,

Yours Respectfully,

G. J. Turner.

On motion the petition was granted.

Petition of Mrs Samuel Schutz for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition, recommended that the petition be granted.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 21, 07.

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

Gentlemen,

I herewith petition your honorable body to correct an error in the rendition of my property; same was rendered as for raise of last year, but through my error, values were transposed; viz: Value $18750.00 should be against Lots 39-40 & pt 41-177 & value $30000.00 against Lots 97 to 99 Block 17 Mills

Owing to above error, the Board of Equalization raised Lots 39-40 & pt 41-177 from $18750.00 to $30000.00, therefore I ask your honorable body to make the necessary correction, & reduce the rendition to $48750.00 total.

Very Respectfully

Mrs. Samuel Schutz
per Adolph G. G

On motion the petition was granted.

Petition of O.A. Seitz for tax reduction granted

Acting Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition, recommended that the valuation be reduced from $3500 to $2800

El Paso, Tex Feb. 6, 07.

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

Gentlemen,

I own lots Nos 8, 9, and 10, in Block 142, Campbell's addition, which was rendered for taxes in the name of Martin McMahon. There seems to be an error in the valuation, I paid $3500.00 for this property in April, 1906, and am assessed at $3500.00. I will ask you to please reduce the tax valuation to $2000.00 which is in accordance with other valuations

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in that locality, and oblige,

Very Respectfully yours

O. B. Sauter.

on motion the recommendations were ordered carried out.

Street + Grade Com

Petition of J. A. Bush for Spur track granted

Acting Chairman Rand recommended that the old petition of J. A. Bush for spurtrack held up until he built side walk be granted and City Atty instructed to draw up ordinance covering same, ~~the motion~~ on motion made and carried the recommendation was ordered carried out.

Special Committee

Report of Special com. on Gasoline ordinance

Chairman Badger of special committee to investigate change in gasoline ordinance made the following recommendations 1st Amend Gasoline ordinance to read 10 ft from building in lieu of 30 feet, 2nd To be required to get permission from Council to put tanks in street or alley. 3rd Tanks maybe of 120 gal instead of 110 Gal

Communications

Clerk read the following communication

Hon Mayor and City Council

El Paso, Texas.

Communication from School Board

Matter to School Bonds

Gentlemen:

Having seen from the public press that it is your purpose to pass an ordinance this evening submitting the question of issuing school bonds to the amount of $100 000 to the tax payers of the city, to be voted upon at an early date, we respectfully beg leave to submit a short additional report supplemental to the report presented to you several months ago.

The total enrollment of pupils in the public schools of this city the past month January was 4242 or just 700 more than were enrolled the same month last year, while the principals of the schools report that at least 300 pupils have already applied for places who could not get seats for lack of room. These figures will show you the phenomenal increase within the old city limits. Now since these new additions have been brought into the city, the increase will be far greater

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than we had anticipated when making our former report. After mature and careful deliberation by this board, we all feel that a much greater amount should be provided than $100000, and would respectfully suggest that you make it $200000. This amount will provide sufficient funds to purchase sites, provide additions to school houses that need enlarging and put up new school houses in these new additions where they will be needed.

Very respectfully submitted:

T. J. Beall. Pres.
W. N. Vilas
C. W. Fassett
John H. Harper
Howard Thompson

on motion the communication was received and filed.

Clerk read the folling bid

El Paso Texas Feby 23rd 1907

Bid of Petersen & Mitchell for wall around circle in San Jacinto square

We the undersigned hereby agree to do the Concrete work around the Circle in the San Jacinto Park for the sum of two hundred and Eighty five ($285.00) dollars the work to be as follows.

A Concrete coping to be one foot wide and two feet high with a balustr of Concrete posts 6"+6"+18" high set 4 inches apart with a post of Concrete every 25 feet 10"+10" and a post at either side of the gate 12"+12" to extend over the cap six inches and a cap to be 6 in thick and ten inches wide to extend over the length of the wall.

Respectfully yours
Petersen & Mitchell

on motion made and carried the bid was accepted and work ordered done.

Petition of C. W. Morris reduction of taxes

Clerk read petition of C. W. Morris for reduction of taxes
on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Committee.

Petition of J. B. Pulliam to lay side walks on present grade Rio Grande

Clerk read petition of J. B. Pulliam & others to lay side walks along Rio Grande St on present grade.
on motion was referred to Street & Grade Com.

Petition of Mrs E. V. Berrian tax reduction

Clerk read petition of Mrs E. V. Berrian for reduction of taxes
on motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

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Petition of Mrs C Simmonson for reduction of taxes

Clerk read petition of Mrs C Simmonson asking that petition for reduction of taxes passed upon be referred to taxation Com
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com

Petition of R.T. Wood for reduction of taxes

Clerk read the petition of R.T. Wood for reduction of taxes
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Committee

Petition of Felix Martinez Sewer extension

Clerk read petition of Felix Martinez for permission to lay sewer in paving district
On motion the petition was referred to the Sanitary Com X

Petition of C.A. Peterson for tax reduction

Clerk read petition of C.A. Peterson for reduction in taxes
On motion the petition was referred to the Taxation Com.

Petition of Mrs Flora Jones for tax reduction

Clerk read petition of Mrs Flora Jones for tax reduction
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of Mrs Bill Reynolds for reduction of taxes

Clerk read petition of Mrs Bill Reynolds for reduction in taxes
On motion the petition was referred to Taxation Committee

Petition of W.T. Ravenhill for damages

Clerk red petition of W.T. Ravenhill for Damages
On motion the petition was referred to City Attorney

Petition of Residents of 9th & Stanton sts for patrolman

Clerk read petition of Residents of 9th & Stanton for patrolman
On motion the report was referred to Police Committee.

New Business

Gate for Alligator pool ordered

J.J. Conners stated he had two bids for ornamental gate for circle in San Jacinto Square, one for $150.00 and one for $40.00, and recommended the acceptance of the one for $40.00
Alderman Rand moved that the recommendations of Mr Conners be accepted and the $40.00 gate be ordered.

Ald Rand instructed re laying pipe in parks

Park Commission Harris brought up the matter of proper water supply for the parks stating there should be more pipes laid, and the purchase of a lawn roller.
On motion the matter was referred to Alderman Rand with power to act.

City Atty & Ord Com instructed to draw ordinance regulating charges automobiles

Alderman Rand moved that the city attorney and Ordinance Committee be instructed to draw up ordinance regulating charges for automobiles hire by the public, the motion was duly seconded and carried.
Alderman Rand stated that the Telephone Companies were

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Guy wires on side walks be referred

placing guy wires in side walk which was dangerous on motion the matter was referred to Street & Grade Com.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk