# Regular Meeting Friday January 8th 1892

Council Chamber City Hall El Paso Texas

Council met in Regular session at 8 O'clock P M with Aldermanx Solomon presiding as acting mayor and the following Aldermen present, J. S. Badger, J. P. Dieter Amzi Burla, Dan Kelly, James W. Magoffin, Chas F. Slack and ~~Adolph Solomon~~, T. Absent Richard Caples and Alderman Geo S. Stewart.

The minutes of December 22nd 25th and 26th 1891 were read and approved.

Report of City Officers

Reports of Assessor & Collector Z F Merrill was read by the Clerk as follows. El Paso Texas Jan 8th 1892

Statement of Assessor & Collector
December 1891

Receipts

| | |
|---|---|
| Occupation Licenses | $874.75 |
| Less 5% commissions | 43.74 |
| Net | $831.01 |
| Settlement. By Treasurers Receipt No 304 | $831.01 |

Same to appended. El Paso Texas Jan 8th 1892

Z. F. Merrill
Assessor & Collector

El Paso Texas Jan 8th 1892

Statement
Assessor & Collector Dec 1891

From Tax Rolls of 1890.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Previously Reported | $63200.00 |
| General Funds | | $304.06 | |
| School " | | 84.46 | |
| St Impt " | | 16.89 | |
| " Maint-e " | | 16.89 | |
| Artesian Water Bonds Sink-funds & Int | funds | 16.89 | |
| School Bonds Sink-funds & Int | " | 1689 | |
| Sewer Bonds Sink-funds & Int | " | 16.89 | |
| Funded Sinks Bonds Sink-fund & Int | " | 10.14 | |
| Sewer Ext-n & Maint-e | | 1689 | $500.00 |
| —Settlement— | | | $63700.00 |

By Treasurers Receipt No 304 $300.00
Same to appended

El Paso Texas January 8th 1892

Z. F. Merrill
City Assessor & Collector

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Upon motion the two Reports of the Assessor & Collector was referred to the Finance Committee.

## Report of Finance Committee

Chairman Dieter of the above committee reported favorably upon the following Bill for the month of November,

### Bills Allowed

| Names | Warrant | Purpose | Fund | Amts |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E.A. Stuart & Co | 246 | Toilet Paper & Soap City Hall | General | 7 00 |
| L.E. Delfraisse | 247 | Guard for Small pox Paint | " | 3 75 |
| J.C. Smith | 248 | Coal for Pest house | " | 18 00 |
| Easton & Newell | 249 | Groceries furnished Guards | " | 7 02 |
| El Paso Transfer Co | 25 | Teams & Drivers furnished City Nov | St Maintenance | 161 85 |
| M Greenberg | 250 | Team & Wagon for City Engineer | General | 4 00 |
| A.L. Roy | 251 | Street Sprinkling, Nov | " | 300 00 |
| El Paso Water Company | 252 | Water for St Sprinkling Nov | " | 280 00 |
| W.H. Watts | 253 | Superintendent City Park, Nov | " | 50 00 |
| Mrs L.H. Torrington | 254 | Meals City Prisoners Nov | " | 116 00 |
| H.P. Noake | 255 | Repairing St Sprinkler | " | 1 50 |
| T.L. Miner & Co | 256 | 2 Tongues " | " | 7 00 |
| A.T. Stacy | 257 | City Scavenger work Nov | " | 45 00 |
| Houck & Dieter | 258 | 1 M.T. Barrell | " | 2 00 |
| M.A. Dolan | 259 | Repairing City Jail Window | " | 2 00 |
| Chas E Irwin | 260 | 100 Grade Stakes City Eng | " | 2 50 |
| M.A. Dolan | 261 | Hack for Board Health | " | 2 00 |
| Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co | 262 | Long Serviss April 30 to Nov 30 | " | 70 00 |
| El Paso Gas, Electric Light & Power Co | 263 | Gas City Hall Nov | " | 29 55 |
| Aiwa " " " " | 264 | Light 38 Arc Lamps Nov | " | 494 00 |
| Abra B McKee | 265 | Pub. of Ordinance No 54 & 55 | " | 8 25 |
| El Paso Transfer Co | 266 | Buggy Dan Kelly to Artesian Wells | " | 3 00 |
| E.P. Lowe | 267 | City Printing Sept & Oct | " | 18 50 |
| D. Mackenzie | 268 | Rent City Hall Dec | " | 223 98 |
| F.C. Wimberly | 269 | Asst City Eng. Nov | " | 6 00 |
| Sam Archuleta | 270 | " " " | " | 3 15 |
| J.L. Campbell | 271 | 3 Blue Prints | " | 3 00 |
| H.G. Foster | 143 | Cash adv. Hooker vs City | Special | 7 50 |

Upon motion Warrants were ordered drawn upon the different funds. carried

Chairman Dieter stated that W.J. Harris had made a proposition to settle with the City for Taxes paid by himself and Mr Lubman on the El Paso Fair Grounds property and was willing to take fifty five ($55 15/100) and 15/100 Dollars for his claim.

Upon motion the proposition was accepted and a warrant for $55 15/100 was ordered drawn upon the special fund.

Chairman Dieter reported back the Payroll for the month of December and recommended that it be approved and filed It was so ordered.

### City Payroll for December, 1891

| Warrant | No | Name | Officers | Funds | Amts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| " | 235 | Richard Caples | Mayor | General | 50 00 |
| " | 236 | J.P. Dieter | Alderman 1st Ward | " | 25 00 |
| " | 237 | Chas P. Slack | " 1" " | " | 25 00 |
| " | 238 | Dan Kelly | " 2" " | " | 25 00 |
| " | 239 | James W. Magoffin | " 2" " | " | 25 00 |
| " | 240 | Geo E. Stewart | " 3" " | " | 25 00 |

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| Warrant | No | Names | Officers | Funds | Amts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| " | 241 | J. B. Badger | Alderman 3" Ward | General | 25 00 |
| " | 242 | Adolph Solomon | " 4" Ward | " | 25 00 |
| " | 243 | Anzi Berla | " 4 " | " | 25 00 |
| " | 244 | C. W. Fassett | City Treasurer | " | 50 00 |
| " | 245 | J. H. Comstock | Supt Fair Grounds | " | 20 00 |
| | | | Total Amt | General | 320 00 |
| " | 124 | Leigh Clark | City Attorney | Special | 125 00 |
| " | 125 | W. M. Coldwell | " Recorder | " | 125 00 |
| " | 126 | W. M. Gandell | " Health Officer | " | 150 00 |
| " | 127 | B. S. Cattin | City Clerk | " | 125 00 |
| " | 128 | William Caples | Chief Police | " | 125 00 |
| " | 129 | C. R. Helms | Capt " | " | 100 00 |
| " | 130 | T. C. Lutterloh | Policeman | " | 75 00 |
| " | 131 | J. M. Kennie | " | " | 75 00 |
| " | 132 | J. H. Hostetter | " | " | 75 00 |
| " | 133 | H. H. George | " | " | 75 00 |
| " | 134 | T. R. Hensters | " | " | 75 00 |
| " | 135 | George Herold | " | " | 47 50 |
| " | 136 | J. B. Chipman | " | " | 75 00 |
| " | 137 | J. L. Campbell | " | " | 83 30 |
| " | 138 | Angel Terrero | Keeper Pest house | " | 30 00 |
| " | 139 | L. E. Delfraisse | Special Policeman | " | 45 00 |
| " | 140 | G. W. Morgan | " " | " | 5 00 |
| " | 141 | Ladies Hospital | | " | 50 00 |
| | | | Total Amt | " | 1465 80 |
| " | 16 | M. C. McGlennon | Sewer Com'r | Sewer | 75 00 |
| | | | Total Amt Payroll | | 1855 00 |

Respectfully Submitted

B. S. Cattin City Clerk

Chairman Dieter also reported back upon the report of the Assessor & Collector for the month of November and recommended that the report be filed. Recommendations ordred carried out.

Also upon the report of the City Clerk for month of November which is as follows,

El Paso Texas Dec 4th 1891

To the Hon City Council
of El Paso Texas

Gentlemen: I herewith submit for your consideration a Statement of all warrant drawn by me on the several different funds during the month of Nov 1891, not including the City Pay Roll of November.

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| 1891 Date | | Warrant No | Name | Purpose | Funds | Amts | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov | 6th | 185 | Times Publishing Co | Printing Ordinances | General | 9 | 60 |
| " | 7 | 186 | | Publishing Bids St Sprinkling | " | 1 | 25 |
| " | " | 187 | Davis & Symon | Filter Tube City Hall | " | 1 | 25 |
| " | " | 188 | Krakauer Izork & Moye | Material for 2 Stand Pipes | " | 44 | 86 |
| " | " | 189 | Berla Heo | " " " " " | " | 46 | 15 |
| " | " | 190 | Buchanan & Powers | " " " " | " | 10 | 85 |
| " | " | 191 | B. G. Thomas County clerk | Recording Deeds | " | 5 | 55 |
| " | " | 192 | Juan S. Hart | Expenses to Las Vegas Ex Com- R.R. | " | 13 | 50 |
| " | " | 193 | Edgar B Bronson | " " " " " " | " | 26 | 15 |
| " | " | 194 | A. G. Foster | Legal Service in case R B Hooker Vs city | " | 120 | 00 |
| " | 14 | 195 | J H Harper & Bro | Stationary City Clerks Office | " | 9 | 00 |
| " | " | 196 | Times Publishing Co | " & Books " " | " | 38 | 00 |
| " | " | 197 | " " " | Publishing Ordinance No 44 | " | 4 | 00 |
| " | " | 198 | El Paso Gas Electric Light & Power Co | 38 Arc Lamps Oct | " | 494 | 00 |
| " | " | 199 | " " " " " " " | Gas City Hall " | " | 29 | 35 |
| " | " | 200 | " " Ice & Refg Co | Ice City Hall " | " | 4 | 60 |
| " | " | 201 | Times Pub Co | Publishing Notice City Atty Tax | " | 14 | 10 |
| " | " | 202 | " " " | City Printing Aug & Sept 1891 | " | 9 | 25 |
| " | " | 203 | The Ullman Furniture Co | Desk City Clerks Office | " | 22 | 00 |
| " | " | 204 | O. C. Morehead | Burial City Pauper | " | 8 | 00 |
| " | " | 205 | Mrs L H Jennings | Meals City Prisoners Oct | " | 76 | 60 |
| " | " | 206 | El Paso Water Co | Water used in St Sprinkling Carts " | " | 230 | 00 |
| " | " | 207 | W. H. Watts | Labor on City Park " | " | 50 | 00 |
| " | " | 208 | H F Stacy | Scavenger Work " | " | 38 | 00 |
| " | " | 209 | A. L. Roy | St Sprinkling " | " | 280 | 00 |
| " | " | 210 | Tassett & Kelly | 20 lbs nails " | " | 1 | 20 |
| " | " | 211 | | Merchandise for city use Oct | " | 6 | 72 |
| " | " | 212 | W. A Irvine Heo | Stationary for city Engineer " | " | 2 | 35 |
| " | " | 213 | D. Mackenzie | Rent City Hall Nov Nov | " | 223 | 98 |
| " | " | 214 | Emerson & Burum | Removing Remains of a Body | " | 10 | 00 |
| " | 23 | 215 | Berla Heo | Material & Labor Repairing Water C City Hall | " | 37 | 85 |
| " | " | 216 | Reinhart Heo | 1000 Blanks City Assessor & Collector | " | 6 | 50 |
| " | 28 | 217 | Davis & Symons | Erecting 12 Stand Pipes for City | " | 566 | 90 |
| | | | | Total Amount of Gen'l Fund | | 2231 | 16 |
| Nov | 14 | 100 | Consolidated Fire works | For Rain-makers | Special | 102 | 00 |
| " | " | 101 | P. S. Catlin | Express Charges on Minute Book | " | 1 | 50 |
| " | " | 102 | " " | Postage Stamps City Clerks office | " | 2 | 00 |
| " | 23 | 103 | J. J. Prendurthral | Interest 6 Months on Note El Paso Gas Co | " | 125 | 00 |
| " | 28 | 104 | O. L. Carr | Quarantine Guard | " | 13 | 75 |
| " | " | 105 | A. G. Gaskey | " | " | 6 | 25 |
| " | " | 106 | W. M. Gandell | Cash paid for hauling Small Pox Pest house | " | 5 | 00 |
| " | | | | Total Amount Special for Oct | | 256 | 00 |
| Nov | 6 | 57 | Chas E Trim | Curbing around Star Livery Stable | St Impt | 10 | 75 |
| " | 13 | 58 | " " | 350 Grade Stakes City Engineer | " " | 8 | 75 |
| " | " | 59 | G. E. Kimberly | Asst City Engineer Oct | " " | 43 | 50 |
| " | " | 60 | Saul Auchondo | " " " " | " " | 15 | 60 |
| " | 16 | 61 | A. L. Roy | Grading & Graveling Leon St at School house | " " | 56 | 31 |
| " | 27 | 62 | Lee Robinson | Team & Wagon for City Engineer | " " | 3 | 50 |
| | | | | Total Amt St Impt. Oct | | 138 | 41 |
| Nov | 14 | 14 | El Paso Water Co | Water used in 18 Flush Tanks Oct | Sewer | 108 | 00 |
| Nov | 27 | 1 | F. W. Edelston | For Silver Convention | Contingent | 166 | 66⅔ |
| " | " | 2 | " " " | " " " | " | 166 | 66⅔ |
| " | " | 3 | " " " | " " " | " | 166 | 66⅔ |
| | | | | Total Amt Contingent Oct | | 500 | 00 |
| " | 7 | 24 | El Paso Transfer Co | Team & Labor on Streets Oct | St Maint | 49 | 80 |
| Nov | 20 | 2 | E. C. Pew Treasurer | Payment School Buildings | School Maint | 1976 | 37 |
| | | | | Grand Total of All Warrants Issued Nov | | 5555 | 61 |

Respectfully Submitted

P. S. Catlin City Clerk

The above Report was recommended filed by the Finance committee. It was so ordered.

## Petition of W. S. Hill.

El Paso Tex Jan 2nd 1892

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

There is an error in the discrep-

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tion of my ownership in lots 172 and 175 Blk 36 Mills Map, in making me owner of 7/8 of all those lots, when I really own 7/8 of all lying North of the Acequia - The portion of the lots south of the Acequia is the larger portion and other persons pay the Taxes on that part.

In consulting with Assessor Merrill he recognized the error, and both agree that a fair Valuation equalized with the others would be $200.00 for my 7/8 interest in the part of those lots, instead of the present over Valuation of $575.00. I respectfully ask the Hon Mayor and City Council to permit Assessor Merrill to make the correction as asked

Respectfully

Wm S Hill.

Endorsement: I have examined this matter and recommend the reduction as asked for

Jas F C Z. F. Merrill.

Upon motion the request of Mr Hill was granted and the Assessor instructed to make the reduction.

Acequia Committee

Chairman Badger of the above Committee, recommended that the Acequia be cleaned out; and that Council guarantee Commissioner Merrill $300.00 to pay for the same, in case he failed to collect enough from Consumers to pay for the work. Upon motion Commissioner Merrill was was guaranteed the $300.00. by the City.

Artesian Wate Committee

Chairman Kelly stated that Contractor McDougall had gone to California to try and raise some money to continue his work upon the Artesian well.

Communications Bills &c

The Bill of Sewer Commissioner McGlumon for $12.00. for work on the sewer, was read and allowed, and a warrant ordered drawn for the amount upon the special funds

All Bill against the City for the Month of Dec 1891 was upon motion referred to the Finance Committee with being read.

The Clerk read a Communication from Richard Kittir of Sedalia Mo. making inquiries in reference to boring Artesian well in this section of the Country

Upon motion of Alderman Berla action on the communication was laid over for one week

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New Business

Under the head of new business the acting Mayor Solomon called Alderman Kelly to the Chair. Alderman Solomon then took the floor, and moved a reconsideration of the action of the Council in tabling the Resolution offered by Alderman Dietz in a meeting held Dec 22nd 1891 for the appropriation of $8000.00 by the City Council for the purpose of constructing a Levee in the City. The motion of Alderman Solomon was duly seconded and the Mayor called for the vote, which resulted as follows. Yeas Aldermen Badger, Burla, Dietz Kelly, Magoffin, Slack and Solomon. Nays None. Alderman Stewart being absent. The motion to reconsider said action was declared carried. Council then took a recess for a few minutes, to discuss the situation.

Council was called to order again with Alderman Kelly in the Chair. The original Resolution amended so as to read as follows.

Resolution

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso that it is necessary to construct a road or Street from the North West Corner of the Ponce de Leon Survey, thence down the North and east bank of the Rio Grande River with the Meanders thereof to Stanton Street, and that in order to properly build and protect said highway, it will be necessary to construct an embankment along said river bank with the meanders thereof between the points named, therefore

Section 2

Be it further resolved that the Sum of Eight Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated; Provided, a sufficient sum of money is paid or satisfactorially pledged to said City from other sources, for the purpose of enabling said City to construct and complete said street or road or public highway and the embankment aforesaid, according to the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the City Engineer.

Section 3

Be it further resolved that the County Commissioners Court of El Paso County be and the same is hereby requested to Co-operate with the City Council to the extent of appropriating a sum of money equal to said sum of

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Eight Thousand Dollars so conditionally appropriated through the City Council by this resolution.

Section 4.

Be it further resolved that it shall be the duty of the Mayor immedeately after the adoption of this resolution to give notice for thirty days in the official Newspaper of said City that the Contract for the construction and completion of said work will be let by the City Council at the expiration of said time to the lowest and best bidder; provided however that such Contract shall not be let until a sufficient amount of money has been deposited or secured to the satisfaction of the City Council to construct and complete said work.

Section 5.

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

Upon motion which was duly seconded the above resolution was adopted by the following Vote. Yeas Badger, Berla, Dieter, Kelly Magoffin. Slack and Solomon. 7. Nays none alderman Stewart being absent.

A communication from Samuel Schuetz stating that the Stand Pipe in front of his place of business was an injury to his property and asked Council to have same removed. Upon motion the matter was referred to Committee on Street Sprinkling.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved Richard Kapler B.S. Cattin

Mayor. City Clerk

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Council Chamber, City Hall El Paso, Texas.

The council met in regular session at 8 P.M. Mayor Caples presiding and the following Aldermen present, J. B. Badger, J. P. Dieter, Dan Kelly, James W. Magoffin, George S Stewart and Adolph Solomon C. Absent, Aldermen Amzi Berla and Chas F. Slack.

The minutes of the last regular meeting was read, and upon motion was adopted without correction.

## Report of City Officers

The Report of the Chief of Police for the month of December 1891 was read by the Clerk which showed collected by him to the amount of Six hundred and five Dollars ($605.00) said amount of fines were imposed the Recorders Court of this city during the month of December.

Upon motion the report was referred to the Finance Committee.

## Ordinance Committee.

Chairman Stewart of the above committee submitted an Ordinance relative to the protection of travelers at the rail road depots from the annoyance of hotel, hack, bus and baggage runners, and to prevent people from jumping on and off of moving trains.

Upon motion the ordinance was referred to the City Attorney

## Finance Committee.

Chairman Dieter of the above committee reported favorably upon the following bills and recommended that warrants be drawn upon the several different funds for their respective amounts.

### Bills Allowed.

| Names | Purpose | Funds | Amts |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chas E Fruin | Making 50 Grade Stakes | St. Impt | 1 25 |
| El Paso Electric & Power Co | 38 Arc Lamps for Dec 1891 | General | 494 00 |
| " " " " " | Gas City Hall " " " | " | 37 20 |
| Mrs L H Toenniges | Meals furnished City Pris - Dec | " | 102 40 |
| A. L. Roy | Sprinkling Streets Dec | " | 310 00 |
| J. L. Campbell City Engineer | Repairing, cleaning & Express Instruments | " | 9 30 |
| El Paso Water Co | Water used in Hydrants 3 Months | " | 985 00 |
| " " " " | " " Street Sprinkling Dec | " | 280 00 |
| W H Watts "Park" Commissioner | Labor park Dec | " | 50 00 |
| D Mackenzie | Rent City for January 1892 | " | 223 98 |
| H. F. Stacy | Hauling away dead horse | " | 2 50 |
| J. H. Harper & Bros | Stationary City Clerk Office | " | 4 50 |
| H. F. Stacy | Scavenger work Dec | " | 9 00 |
| George Herold | Boarding case Meals for City | " | 7 00 |
| Times Publishing Co | Blanks assessor & Cal office | " | 13 25 |
| " " " | Estimate Book City Eng. " | " | 4 25 |
| El Paso Water Co " | Water used 18 Flush Tank Nov | " | 108 00 |
| " " " " " | " " 19 " " Dec | " | 114 00 |
| " " " " " | Material for " " " | " | 4 00 |
| " " Transfer Co | Hauling Lumber to mouth Sewer | " | 2 50 |
| " " Fire Department | Bill for 3 Month | " | 238 50 |
| G. C. Wimberly | Ass't City Engineer Dec | St Impt | 6 00 |
| Samuel Archando | " " " | " " | 1 25 |
| Burton Lungo & Co | 500 ft Lumber for Sidewalk Impt | " " | 12 60 |
| B. E. Major | Repairing St Cor Hill Second | " " | 20 00 |

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El Paso Transfer Co (S.W. Pomeroy) Street work Dec. St Maintenance $103,75
Upon motion warrants were ordered drawn for the above bills

C.W. Fassett City Treasurer ask for a warrant for $703.50 upon the Sewer Sinking & Interest funds for money advanced by him to pay the Interest Sewer Bonds up to Jan 1st 1892.
Upon motion a warrant in favor of C.W. Fassett for the above Amt was ordered drawn. Carried

Special Committee on Levee

Chairman of the above committee stated that the County Commissioners requested the Committee on Levee appointed by the City Council to meet with them at 2 o'clock Saturday Jan 16th 1892. It was so ordered.

Communications Bills &c

A Communication from D.R. Miller relative to a bill presented him by the City Engineer for grade made by City Engineer for Miller on certain sidewalk, Campbell St St Louis and Second St. was read and referred to Street and Grade Committee.

A Bill in favor of Campbell and Bassett for two years Rent on Pest house amounting to $500.00, was read and upon motion the Mayor was authorized to tender to Campbell and Bassett $100.00 a year for rent on the land on which the Pest house is situated. Motion carried.

Communication R.F. Campbell.

El Paso Tex Jan 15th 1892

To the City Council
of El Paso

Gentlemen;

I have the honor to inform you that the City assessment of El Paso City Shows 1891 the following to wit: Undi 1/3 int in undi 11/24 in Block 1 to 3. 5 to 14. 16 to 20. 22 to 27. 29 to 32. 34 to 38. 40 to 45. 49 to 50. Magoffins addition, Same assessed at $2400.00. I most respectfully ask that said assessment be reduced to $1500.00. Same has been for sale two years last passed at latter amount, and I will pay any land Agent 10% to sell same

Respectfully
R F Campbell.

Upon motion the above communication was referred to the Taxation Committee in conjunction with the City Assessor & Collector. Motion carried.

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A communication from the El Paso Fire Department was read by the Clerk as follows:

El Paso Texas Jan 14th 1892

To the Hon Mayor & City Council

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to present to you, for your approval the following list of Department officers and Company officers of the El Paso Fire Department elected for the year 1892 viz:

**Department Officers**

| | |
|---|---|
| John Julian | President |
| E.H. Buchanan | First Vice " |
| A.J. Foster | Second " " |
| J.B. Payne | Third " " |
| W.T. Kitchin | Fourth " " |
| C.C. Kiefer | Chief |
| T.M. Robinson | Asst " |
| D. Kelly | Treasurer |
| J.P. O'Connor | Secretary |

**Officers H & L No 1**

| | |
|---|---|
| Chas Merrick | President |
| E.H. Buchanan | Vice " |
| Geo Rike | Foreman |
| Wm Reinhimer | Asst " |
| A. Hille | Treasurer |
| A.T. Samworth | Secretary |

**Directors**

A. Hille
F. Shannon
J.L. Whitmore

**Fire Police**

C.W. Fassett
J.L. Whitmore
A. Hille

**Officers Hose Co No 1**

| | |
|---|---|
| John Julian | President |
| Tom Hertman | Foreman |
| O.C. Morehead | Asst " |

**Directors**

C.M. Milospaugh
W.W. Davis
Oscar Reiner

**Fire Police**

W.B. McLachlen
A. Solky
Ed Gorbitt

**Officers Hose Co No 2**

| | |
|---|---|
| Si Ryan | President |
| Al Howard | Vice " |
| Z.F. Merrill | Foreman |
| T.C. Lyons | Asst " |
| Thos Germain | Treasurer |
| W.T. Kitchin | Secretary |

**Directors**

W.J. O'Brien
John Connors
Frank Herbert.

**Fire Police**

L. Forminges
Robert Nix
Horatio Lyons.

**Officers Hose Co No 3**

| | |
|---|---|
| J.B. Payne | President |
| H.T. Stacy | Foreman |
| M. Connerton | Asst " |
| W.C. Taylor | Secretary |

**Directors**

D.S. Farrell
H.T. Blum
B.E. Majors

**Fire Police**

G.G. Briggs
B.E. Majors
D.S. Ferrell

Respectfully Submitted

J.P. O'Connor
Secretary

# Regular Meeting Friday January 15th 1892 Cont.

The above Officers were confirmed by the City Council

A communication Joseph Magoffin.

To the Hon Mayor & City Council — El Paso Texas Jan 15th 1892

Gentlemen!

Your petitioner Joseph Magoffin in behalf of the El Paso Street Rail Way Company respectfully requests for permission to connect the El Paso Street Rail way track with that of the Santa Fe line at the intersection of San Francisco and El Paso Streets. The track will be properly made so it will be as little inconvenience to the public as it is possible to make it

Yours Respectfully
Joseph Magoffin
President El Paso
Street Rail Way Co.

The above petition was granted with the understanding that the work in making the named connection is to be under the direction of the Committee on Street and Grade.

Alderman J. P. Dieter asked for a leave of absence of thirty (30) days dating from Friday Jan 22nd Leave was granted ald- Dieter as asked for.

The City Attorney was instruct to prepare an Ordinance defining the limits of houses of Prostitution on Utah St.

It was agreed by the Council that the party who was awarded the contract to build the proposed Levee should put up a forfeit of 5 % per cent. of the contract.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Campbell Real Estate Co that their assessment for the building of the proposed Levee was Three Thousand Dollars $3000.00 The El Paso Irrigation Co assessment was Eight Thousand Dollars and The El Paso and Rio Grande Rail way Co was Five Thousand Dollars.

The City Attorney was instructed to devise ways and means in which the City of El Paso could get rid of the present Artisian well contract McDougal so that the City could rent the contract to some one who could and would complete the well.

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The City Attorney was instructed to draw up a contract with the Campbell Real Estate Co for a Right of way on which to build the proposed levee.

Alderman Dieter stated that as he was going away and that Alderman Bula had already gone and they both being members of the Special Committee for the Levee would ask that the Mayor and alderman Kelly be added to the Committee and some other member of the council that the Mayor would appoint all to act during the absence of the regular Committee upon motion the suggestion of Alderman Dieter was ordered carried out, and the Mayor appointed Alderman Magoffin

There being no further business the council adjourned

approved Richard Caples B. S. Catlin
Mayor City Clerk.

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Regular Meeting Friday January 22nd 1892
Council Chamber, City Hall El Paso Texas

The City council met in regular session at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present Mayor Caples and the following Aldermen who answered to roll call Chas F. Slack. 1 Absent J. B. Badgin, Anzi Bula, J. P. Dieter Dan Kelly. James H. Magoffin, Geo S. Stewart and Adolph Solomon 7. There being no Quorum present the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting night

approved B. S. Catlin
Richard Caples Mayor City Clerk.

# Regular Meeting Friday January 29th 1892

Council Chamber. City Hall El Paso Texas

The city council met in regular session at 8 O'clock P.M. with Mayor Richard Caples presiding and the following Aldermen present. J. P. Badger, Dan Kelly James W. Magoffin, Chas F. Slack, Geo S Stuart and Adolph Solomon, 6. Absent Aldermen J. P. Dieter and Anzi Burla.

The minutes of the last two meeting of January 15" and 22" 1892 were read and approved without correction.

Reports from City Officers.

Mayor Caples stated that he had seen Mr O. T. Bassett and had offered him two hundred dollars ($200.00) for the rent on the ground on which the Pest house is now located, said two hundred dollars ($200.00) being for two years rent, and a settlement in full. he stated that Mr Bassett refused the two hundred dollars ($200.00).

City Attorney Clark recommended that the city tender to Mr Bassett two hundred dollars ($200.00) for the rent for the ground on which the Pest house is now situated for the last two years on the basis of the contract which Expired two years ago. Recommendations ordered carried out.

The City Attorney also recommended that the city pay back to H. B. Storms the seven dollars ($7.00) that was wrongfully collected of him by the City assessor & Collector for certain occupation tax.

The recomendation was ordered carried out and warrant drawn.

The Building Committee was authorized to see Mr Bassett and see what arrangements could be made for a location for the Pest-house and to report to the council next Friday what they thought was for the best interest of the City

An Ordinance relative to prevent runners of Hotels Hacks Bus and Express wagons and to have Special Police appointed. was read and adopted.

No 58 An Ordinance Relating to Railway Depots, the maintenance of good order thereat and the protection of Passengers from Annoyance, and for the prevention of injury by moving Trains.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons in any raidway Passenger depot, or upon the depot Platform of any railway passenger depot, or upon the grounds thereof designed or used for the accomodation

of passengers, in the City of El Paso, to solicit or cry out for passengers or baggage, or patronage for any hotel, boarding house or restaurant, or for the proprietors thereof; or for any person whatever, or for the carriage of persons or baggage in any wagon, hack Omnibus or other vehicles: and it shall also be unlawful for any peddler, hawker, or travelling vendor of fruit, provisions, goods or commodities, or for any boot-black, to ply his, or, her business at or upon any of the aforesaid places, or within the grounds aforesaid,- and any person so offending shall be fined in a sum not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty five dollars.

Section 2

The several depot ticket agents, baggage masters and depot masters on duty at the several railway depots in the City of El Paso if commissioned by the Mayor are hereby vested with all the power and authority of policemen for the enforcement of this ordinance, and the preservation of good order, at, in and about their several depots, but they may act as such only upon condition that they be so commissioned by the Mayor and their service in this behalf is without pay from said City, and that they qualify as far as applicable to their service, by taking the oath required of the policemen of said City, and while on duty wear the badge that is directed by section 5 of this ordinance.

Section 3

The said depot ticket agents, baggage masters, and depot masters, are hereby authorized and empowered to assign to the several omnibuses, carriages, hacks, drays, express and baggage wagons their proper stations near the depots, looking to the convenience of passengers.

Section 4- The said several depot ticket agents, baggage masters and depot masters, or other policemen of said city, shall have the authority to suppress all noise or confusion, calculated or liable to annoy passengers, and all disorderly conduct at, in, or about their respective depots, and if necessary, to arrest all persons committing a breach of the peace or any of the provisions of this ordinance, and to carry them before the Recorder or other proper officers for trial.

Section 5:

It shall be unlawful for any person in this city to jump off or on, cling to or hand on, any railway engine or car, while the same is in motion, said person not being a paying passenger, or an employed or an official of the company operating the same; and any person violating this section may be arrested

by any policeman, or ticket agent, depot master, or baggage master acting as a special police by virtue of this ordinance, and taken before the Recorder or proper officer of this city, and if found guilty, shall be fined in a sum not less than five dollars nor more than twenty five dollars.

Section 6.

Every depot ticket agent, baggage master, or depot master in this City while on duty, and assuming the authority conferred upon him by section 2 of this ordinance shall wear conspicuously a badge inscribed with the words "Special Police", and shall be subject to such regulations as may be made by the Recorder and Chief of Police of this city.

Section 7.

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

The above ordinance was adopted by the following vote; yeas. J. B. Badger, Dan Kelly, James W. Magoffin Chas F. Black, Geo. S. Stewart and Adolph Solomon 6 Nays none. The Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted.

Report of the City Engineer

El Paso Texas January 29th 1892

To the Hon City Council of El Paso Texas

Gentlemen;

Mr J. E. Terry has finished the construction of Tar and gravel sidewalk as follows;

1st On Chihuahua street from San Francisco to Second Street. The assessment on the West one half of block 25 and 26, and on the East one half of block 30 and 31 is 87 9/10 cents per front foot, amounting to $1000.00 total from San Francisco to Overland Streets.

The assessment on the West one half of block 32 and on the East one half of block 45 is 89 63/100 cents per front foot, amounting to $902.20 total from Overland to Second Streets.

2nd On Sonora Street from Chihuahua Street to Alley East of Santa Fe Street.

The assessment on South one half of block 26 and on north one half of block 25 is as follows, to wit; On South 1/4 of B 26 - 55¢ per front foot, total amount 93.63; on South East 1/4 of B 26, 68 1/2 cents per front foot, total amount 101.26; on North one half of block 90 1/2¢ per foot, total amt 202.86; South West 1/4 of B 16 - 70 1/2¢ per foot, total amt. 101.40; on NW 1/4 of B 16 - $1.00 per foot total $112.50

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The above work has my approval

J L Campbell. City Engineer

The above report was referred to the Committee on Streets and grades

El Paso Texas January 29th 1892

To the Hon City Council of El Paso Texas

Gentlemen

Mr A.L. Roy has finished the grading and gravelling of Chihuahua Street from San Francisco Street to Second Street. The assessment are as follows, to wit; On the west one half of block 25 and 26 and on the East one half of block 30 and 31, - 76 67/100 cents per foot, total amount from San Francisco to Overland $872.30; On East one half of block 45 and West one half of block 32, 87 8/10 cents total amt $883.21 from Overland to Second.

2d The grading and gravelling of North Santa Fe Street from San Francisco Street to Upson Avenue, with assessment as follows; From San Francisco to Main Street $188.70 from Main to Franklin Street $1167.42 from Franklin to Missouri Street $2813.75, from Missouri Street to Upson Avenue $170.40. All of the above work has my approval

3d Mr Roy also graded and gravelled the alley East of Santa Fe from Overland to Second Streets according to contract. The assessment is $260.85. Soon after the work was finished, it was very badly damaged by the tearing down of the fence on the East side and hauling into the rear of the adjoining lots, of earth, for filling up said lots by private parties and the work now remains in that condition. I do not consider Mr Roy responsible for this damage, however and believe the money for the work is now due him and I recommend that the work be recieved from Mr Roy.

In refrence to the grading of this Alley, and also that of Chihuahua Street, I would call the attention of the Council to the fact that proper crossing over the Acequia on Second Street has not been put in as was originally intended in the estimates for this work owing to a failure to make a contract for crossings. It is important that these crossing should be put in at as early a day as possible as the present Acequia bank will stop drainage and cause flooding of adjacent property in case of a heavy rain.

This report recieves the last of the work of Street improvement from the contractors, and all contracts to date are now finished.

J. L. Campbell

City Engineer

The above Report was referred to the Committee on Streets and Grades.

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City Assessor and Collector Merrill presented the tax rolls of 1891 showing the assessed values as follows:

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| Real Estate | 2801302 " " |
| Improvements | 1173868 " " |
| Goods Wears and Mdse | 336860 " " |
| Money and Credits | 67070 " " |
| Sundries | 768625 " " |
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Also the following apportionment of taxes

Levy - $1.75 per each $100.00 Valuation

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| General Funds | 75 cts | each $100.00 | Valuation | 38607 | 83.25 |
| Street Maintenance | 25 cts | " | " | 12869 | 31.25 |
| Street Improvement | 02 cts | " | " | 1029 | 57.50 |
| Sewer Extension | 04 " | " | " | 2059 | 09 |
| Sewer Bonds Sinking Fund & Int. | 05 " | " | " | 2573 | 86.25 |
| School " " " " " | 05 " | " | " | 2573 | 86.25 |
| Artesian Water Bonds " " " | 05 " | " | " | 2573 | 86.25 |
| Funded Debt " " " " | 04 " | " | " | 2059 | 09 |
| School Maintenance | 50 " | " | " | 25738 | 62.50 |
| Total for 1891 | 175 | " | " | 90085 | 18.75 |

Supplimental on Rolls 1890 Ad Valorem $2700

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| Apportionment. General funds | 90 cts | each $100.00 | Valuation | 2430 |
| School | 25 cts | " | " | 675 |
| Street Impt & Maintenance | 10 cts | " | " | 270 |
| Artesian Water Bonds | 05 " | " | " | 135 |
| School Bonds | 05 " | " | " | 135 |
| Sewer Bonds | 05 " | " | " | 135 |
| Funded Debt - Bonds | 03 " | " | " | 81 |
| Sewer Extension | 05 " | " | " | 135 |
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Grand Total Taxes to be collected $90125.14.75

On motion of Alderman Solomon the Rolls were accepted and ordered filed with the City Clerk.

## Finance Committee

Alderman Slack acting Chairman of the above committee made a report upon the report of the Chief of Police for the month of December 1891. and recommended that the report be filed. It was so ordered

## Taxation Committee

Chairman Slack of the above committee made a report upon a petition from R.F. Campbell asking for a reduction in the assessed value of undivided interest in undivided 11/24 of Blocks Numbering from 1 to 50 Magoffins Addition, and recommended that the petition be not granted, because the value is the same as rendered and collected for the 2/3 of same property, and has not been raised from valuation of last years redumption On motion the reduction as asked for was not granted.

## Street and Grade Committee

Chairman Kelly of the above committee recommended that the Protest against laying a sidewalk on the North side of

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Montana Street from Oregon Street to Virginia Street be ~~not~~ granted.
On motion the recommendation was ordered carried out and Protest granted. Chairman Kelly offered the following

Resolution

Resolved by the City Council of El Paso that it is deemed necessary to lay a tar and gravel sidewalk on South side of Montana Street from Oregon Street to West line of Virginia Street.
The above Resolution was adopted by a unanimous Vote.
Chairman Kelly recommended that the bill of J. L. Campbell against D. R. Miller for $25.00 for grades of sidewalks be not allowed, but do recommend that J. L. Campbell be paid $7.50 for money paid out by him for assistance furnished by him in making the grades. On motion the recommendations was ordered carried out.
J. L. Campbell, City Engineer, read his plans and specification for the construction of the proposed Levee along the river front. On motion the matter was referred to the Special Committee of Levee with power to act, carried
The Mayor suggested the levee be made 30 feet instead of 70 feet, stating that by narrowing down to 30 feet, the levee could be extended a great deal further down the river. The matter of reducing the levee was referred to the committee

Bills Communications &c

The bill of the U S Court in the case of R B Hooker vs City El Paso, was presented and on motion the bill was allowed The clerk was authorized to draw a warrant in favor of W A Gibbs Deputy U.S. Clerk for $52.20 carried.
A communication from W. de S. Maud was read by the Clerk as follows:

El Paso Texas Jan 21st 1892

City Clerk
City El Paso, Texas.

Sir: The Sect of the El Paso Irrigation company has handed me your letter of the 15th Inst. In reply I beg to inform you that the Bondholders of the El Paso Irrigation Co are now taking steps to foreclose on the bonds of said Co. and that in all probability they will have to buy the canal in and run it themselves. In the event of their doing so, they will be prepared to pay ($8000.00) Eight thousand dollars towards the proposed levee, provided that the rest of the money required for that purpose is forthcoming, and provided that the City of El Paso or whoever undertakes to construct and maintain said

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Levee, shall construct said Canal of the requisite dimentions on the East side of said Levee from the junction point of the Canal with the proposed Levee to Eighth Street, where the Canal leaves the line of the proposed Levee, and provided also that said Levee is carried at least as far as the foot of Stanton Street.

Yours Respectfully
W. de S. Maud
Agent for Bondholders of El Paso Imp. Co.

On motion the above communication was referred to the Special Committee.

A communication signed by Newman Russell & Coles as Agents for the Campbell Real Estate Co. relative to the proposed Levee was submitted, and on motion was referred to Special Committee without reading.

Petition

A Petition asking the Council to have a crossing made from the South West corner of San Antonio and Utah Street to the opposite side of San Antonio Street, signed by Laston & Newell and other Citizens was read and on motion was referred to the Street and Grade Committee.

Alderman Black offered the following Resolution, to wit

Resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized to correspond with the General Managers or Passenger Agents of the several Rail Roads running into this City, and in behalf of the City of El-Paso, request they reduce the passenger fare on their roads to one cent per mile so as to accomodate delegates and others who desire to attend the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to take place in this City on the day of 1892.

On motion the above Resolution was adopted.

City Attorney Clark submitted an ordinance defining the limits of houses of Prostitution

No 59 Ordinance

An Ordinance to amend Section (1) one of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Locate Houses of Ill Fame within certain defined boundries. Approved May the 15th 1890.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of

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El Paso

Section 1- That section one (1) of an ordinance entitled. "An Ordinance to locate houses of ill-fame within certain defined bounderies, Approved May the 15th 1890. be and the same is hereby amended so as to hereafter so as to read as follows:

That the Chief of Police and each and every policeman under his direction, of said City, be and are hereby authorized, empowered, directed, and commanded to suppress all houses of ill-fame or prostitution within this City unless within the territory bounded and described as follows;

Begining at a point where the West line of the Alley between Stanton and Utah Streets intersects with the South line of the Acequia, thence along the South bank of the Acequia with the meanders thereof to the East line of the Alley between Utah Street and Oregon Street; thence down the East line of said Alley to the North line of third Street, thence East along the North line of third Street to the west line of the Alley between Utah Street and Stanton Street, thence northerly up the west line of said Alley to the place of beginning.

Section 2.

Be it further ordained that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

The Mayor called for the yeas and nays upon the above Ordinance which resulted as follows: yeas J B Badger, Dan Kelly, James W Magoffin, Chas F. Slack, Geo S Stewart and Adolph Soloman 6 Nays none. The Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

The Clerk stated to the Council that in the case of the State of Texas Ex Rel- Geo E Boyd vs B. S. Catlin for the possession of the office of City Clerk, that he did not think that he should pay the expenses of the suit, and asked the Council to bear the expense of the suit. On motion the matter was referred to the finance committee.

There being no further business Council adjourned

Approved Richard Cople — B. S. Catlin

Mayor. — City Clerk