Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 20th, 1910.

Council Chamber, City Hall,
El Paso, Texas. Jan. 20, 1910.

Council met in regular session on the above day and date, Mayor Sweeney present and presiding, and the following Aldermen answered to roll-call: Blumenthal, Clayton, Hewitt and Robinson. Absent, none.

Minutes of regular meeting, held January 13th 1910, read and approved.

Reports of Officers.

Clerk read the following report of the Sewer Commissioner:

Report of Sewer Comr. Week ending Jan. 19, 1910.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 19th, 1910.

Hon. Mayor and City Council:
City.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find report of work done by sewer department for the week ending Jan. 19th 1910. Laid 240 feet sewer in East El Paso completing a line of 940 feet between Rivera and P. & R. Street from Cebada to Gramma Streets. Put in one man hole in center of Gramma Street at end of sewer line. This line averaged a cut of 10 feet with a good deal of quicksand, and the cut was made 5 feet at top of ditch to save sheathing; the dirt was handled two and three times before filling in and the cost was 47¢ per lineal foot; put in 7 "Ys"; cleaned 10 plugged sewers; examined 30 flush tanks and man holes; pumped East El Paso sewers each day.

Respectfully submitted.
J. W. Hadlock
Sewer Comr.

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

Report of El Paso Free Library Year 1909.

Clerk read report of El Paso Free Library for the year of 1909, showing a total in receipts for 1909 of $6958.20, disbursements $6749.99, Leaving a balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1910, of $208.21

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

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Report of P. & M. Inspector. December 09.

Clerk read report of the Plumbing and Meter Inspector for the month of December, 1909, showing a collection of $71.50

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

Report of Health Dept. Week ending Jan 20, 09

Clerk read report of health department for the week ending January 20th, 1910.

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

Rep. City Auditor on live stock insurance. Ref.

Clerk read report of city Auditor on live stock insurance. On motion the report was referred to Finance Com.

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

Pet. Mrs. S. S. Dickerson to keep cows in city limits Denied.

El Paso, Texas, January 6, 1910.

Hon. Mayor & City Council:
City.

My friends have gotten up a petition asking for me to keep my cows. I only want to keep them until the 1st of April, 1910 after which time I prefer to sell them. The reason I want to keep them three months longer, the city has asked me to lay 60 feet of sidewalk on Montana Street in Block 73 and that I would like to do. Have had the cows four years, and every dollar I have made with them has gone and will go to help improve the city. I listed my rooming house and cows for sale a month or two ago but in figuring my plans I forgot the sidewalk so now I would like to keep the cows until the first of April.

Most respectfully
Mrs. S. S. Dickerson

On motion duly made and carried the petition was denied.

Bills & pay rolls allowed

Chairman Clayton to whom was referred the following bills and pay rolls recommended that they be allowed and ordered paid.

Consumers Ice Co.	Ice & water ~~Sunset~~ Sta.	$1.35
Tex. Telegraph Co.	Telegrams a/c Pres. meeting	1.00

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J. H. Comstock	Hire horse & buggy Mts & M.	$32.00
Sewer Supt.	Pay roll, Week ending Jan. 19, 1910 -	136.90
Scavenger "	" " " " " " "	113.25
Park "	" " " " " " "	74.50
St. Maintenance	" " " " " " "	284.40
St. Alley, Imp. & G.	" " " " " " "	759.65

On motion duly made and carried the bills and pay rolls were allowed & ordered paid.

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

Petition of Phil Bergman for reduction of taxes. Denied.

El Paso, Texas, January 13th, 1910.

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

Gentlemen:

The undersigned petitions your honorable body to reduce the taxes on the personal property of this company for the year 1908. We rendered this property for $8000.00 for this year. The raise is out of all proportions as to real value, being raised to $14,400.00. Now this year, you raised it again but reduced to $9690.00 and this was a larger stock than 1908. The reason I did not appear and protest in 1908 was because I was in New York at the time. I hope that you will give this your close and prompt attention and reduce same to the original rendition, to-wit: $8000.00

Yours respectfully,
Phil Bergman

On motion duly made and carried the petition was denied.

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

Pet. A. Gordman for tax reduction. Granted.

El Paso, Texas, Jan 12, 1910.

The Hon. Mayor & City Council:
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:- In the year 1905, I had to clear up the piece of property 43½ feet on S. Stanton St., and in order to have it clear I had to pay all taxes of any kind before the abstract would show clear, so I applied then to know just exactly the amount due so I could pay it, which I did, and the City Collector at that time so certified on the abstract, so everything was clear then, but about a week or so ago the record had to be brought

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down on the abstract to date, and it was found that I was owing $19.78 which was supposed to be for paving. The City Collector at that time perhaps overlooked it, which was no fault of mine. However, I was perfectly willing to pay that, but the present City Collector added penalty and interest to the amount of $5.79 and as I had to clear it, so I was compelled to pay that. Mr. Clayton was in the office at the time and I showed him the abstract of 1905 on which the City Collector certified that there was nothing due on that piece of property and while Mr. Clayton and Mr. Behr both think under the circumstances that I should not be called on to pay penalty and interest as I was ready then to pay the taxes if the City Collector had only told me it was due. However Mr. Behr claims he has no authority to waive this charge, but advised me to present same to you and said that you would undoubtedly refund same.

Yours very respectfully,
A. Goodman.

On motion duly made and carried the petition was granted.

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

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

Pet. Highland Park M.E. Church for remission of taxes. Granted.

Gentlemen: On or about the 10th day of May, 1907, the trustees of the Highland Park Methodist Episcopal Church South purchased of the Highland Park Realty Co. Lots Nos. 15 & 16 in Block 72 of the Highland Park Addition to the City of El Paso and said lots have been owned and held by said trustees continuously up to the 8th day of January 1910. The lots were originally deeded to A. C. Ponsford for the purpose of erecting a church house thereon, the said Ponsford being the Contractor, but on the failure of said trustees to comply with the contract the lots were deeded back to said trustees, Said Ponsford now really owning said lots only for the purposes as contractor to secure himself in the building of said church house and as evidence of the facts above set forth enclosed herewith find notice of said trustees for the payment of said lots to Highland

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Realty Co. The above is explanatory as to the deed having been made to said Ponsford. Now these lots have been continuously for the years 1907, 8 and 1909 been listed by the City Assessor as "Unknown" and taxes and penalties assessed against them. Therefore, in view of the facts set forth above and that the said lots have been continuously owned and held by the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Highland Park from the 10th of May 1907, until the 8th day of January 1910, as deeds and note herewith enclosed will evidence and as church property is exempt from taxation by the laws of Texas Therefore we respectfully ask your Honorable Body to remit all taxes, penalties and expenses assessed and charged against said lots.

Respectfully submitted.
Highland Park M. E. Church.

On motion duly made and carried the petition was granted.

A. E. Burkitt appointed Asst. Bldg. Inspector.

Chairman Hewitt recommended that an Assistant Building Inspector be appointed and Mr. A. E. Burkitt be appointed at a salary of $125.00 per month.

On motion duly made and carried, the recommendation was ordered carried out.

Clerk read Communications.

Com. from M. B. Christy rel. children skating on Montana St. Ref.

Clerk read communication from M. B. Christy relative to children playing and skating on Montana Street. On motion the petition was referred to Police Committee.

Pet. Mrs. E. K. Lamb sewer extension. Ref.

Clerk read petition of Mrs. E. K. Lamb for sewer extension. On motion the petition was referred to Sanitary Committee.

Com. from Womans Civic League rel. to spitting on streets. Ref.

Clerk read communication from Woman's Civic League relative to ordinance regarding spitting on streets etc. On motion the communication was referred to Police and Sanitary Committee.

Pet. J. S. Hughes Printing Co. lay sidewalk on W. Main St. Ref.

Clerk read petition of J. S. Hughes Printing Co. to lay sidewalk on W. Main Street. On motion the petition was referred to St. and Grade Com.

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Pet. West Tex. Fuel Co. for spur track Ref.	Clerk read petition of West Texas Fuel Co. for spur track on Texas & Pacific Ry. line. On motion the petition was referred to Street and Grade Committee.
Com. J.A. Smith for signs on sts. in E. El Paso. Ref.	Clerk read communication from J.A. Smith, post master relative to placing names on streets in East El Paso Addition. On motion the communication was referred to Street and Grade Committee.
Pet. Mrs. Lucy Chapman for tax reduction Ref.	Clerk read petition of Mrs. Lucy Chapman for tax reduction. On motion the petition was referred to Finance Com.
Pet. Mrs. Emily Seffel for tax reduction Ref.	Clerk read petition of Mrs. Emily Seffel for tax reduction. On motion the petition was referred to Finance Committee.
Pet. R. Caples, rel. fire escapes on building Ref.	Clerk read petition of R. Caples, relative to fire escapes on new building. On motion the petition was referred to Fire and Water Com. and Building Inspector.
2nd estimate N.E. Carter on N. Oregon St. Allowed.	Clerk read the following Second estimate on N. Oregon Street, by N. E. Carter.

City of El Paso, Texas -- Engineering Department.
Second approximate monthly estimate of work done and Material furnished for concrete curb and gutter on North Oregon Street by N. E. Carter under contract dated December 11th, 1909.

Lin. feet of combined concrete curb and gutter 3290.83 @ 54¢	$1777.05
Excavation, 900 cu. yds. @ 40¢	360.—
Cutting off old sidewalk 1800 lin. feet @ 2¢	36.—
Total	$2173.05
Less 10%	217.31
	$1955.74
Amount paid on first approximate estimate Jan. 5th, 1910	684.86
Balance due on this estimate	$1270.88

1-20-1910 Respectfully submitted, F.H. Todd City Engr.

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On motion duly made and carried the estimate was allowed and ordered paid; subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

There being no further business, Council adjourned.

Percy McGhee, City Clerk.

Approved.

Jas. Sweeney
Mayor.