Regular Meeting, Friday, May 30. 1890.

Council Chamber, City Hall. El Paso, Tex.

The City Council met in regular Session at 8 P.M. Friday, May 30. A.D. 1890. Present, Mayor Richard Caples and the following aldermen: Kingsbury, Merrick, Magoffin, Palpin and Solomon, 5. Absent, Dicker, Davis and Kelly, 3.

On motion of alderman Palpin the council adjourned to Monday, June 2d. 1890, at 8 P.M.

Approved Richard Caples Mayor. E. A. Dovee. City Clerk.

Regular Adjourned Meeting, Monday, June 2d 1890.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The city council met pursuant to adjournment, at 8 p.m. Friday, June 2nd 1890. Present: Mayor Richard Caples and the following aldermen: M.B. Davis, K.M. Kingsbury, W.B. Merrick, J.W. Magoffin, Louis Palpin and Adolphe Solomon. Absent: J.F. Dicker and Dan Kelly.

The minutes of the last regular meetings (May 23d and 30th) were read and approved.

The following veto message from Mayor Caples was read:

El Paso, Texas, May 28th 1890.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen: I herewith return, without my approval, the resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen at a regular meeting held Friday, May 23d 1890, whereby five hundred dollars ($500.00) was appropriated for the purpose of buying or contributing to the payment of the Post Ship Military Band for a series of concerts to be given in the public plaza of this city. The reason that impels me to this course is, there is no authority or pretense of authority of law for such an appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Richard Caples, Mayor.

On motion of Alderman Palpin consideration of the message was postponed two weeks.

The City Engineer made the following report, which was read and referred to the Streets and Grades Committee:

Office of City Engineer, El Paso, Texas, June 2, 1890.

To the Honorable City Council

Gentlemen: In the matter of the Street Grade on the South side of Boulevard from Oregon to El Paso Street, to which grade Mr Kohlberg objects, owing to the amount of grading in front of his property, I have to report that said grade can be lowered two (2) feet, and still bear the same elevation as the walk on the opposite side of said Boulevard Street. This walk was either built before any grade was established, as built the above number of feet below grade. The present grades are, in themselves, very good and well adapted to the ground, with the exception of Mr Kohlbergs property, and any change which may be made will not be an improvement, with the exception of one or two pieces of property.

Mr Kohlberg, however, has some very valid objections to the present grade, which are, probably, sufficient to induce the council to lower said grade, as above. From El Paso to Oregon streets and since no very material results would follow the change, so far as drainage is concerned, I see no serious objections to the change. It is a change, however I do not recommend as any improvement on the present grade. The present walk of lumber at the North corner of Mr Kohlbergs property, at the junction of Oregon and Boulevard Streets is 2.5 to feet below the present grade, and the walks are put on the grade. Mr Kohlberg must build a stone wall around his property, ranging from 4 feet high at the rear, to 2½ feet in front.

Respectfully, (Signed) J.P. Campbell, City Engineer.

The following report from the City Engineer was read:

Office of City Engineer, El Paso, Texas, June 2d 1890.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen: In compliance with your order of May 23, 1890, for an estimate of the cost of tar and gravel walks for the Plaza Grounds of this city. I have to report that the said walks contain an area of 25,419 square feet, and will require 235 cubic yards of gravel for filling, before putting on the tar and gravel.

The above work at seven (7) cents per square foot for walk, and 20 cents per cubic yard for filling, amounts to $1.826.33

The present curbing of the walks is all right, and no additional expense will be necessary.

Seconds: I have reported to the Chief of Police and wish to call the attention of the council to the fact that the West brick wall of the Ben Schuster property, in the S.W. corner of Block No. 6, Satterthwaite Addition to El Paso, projects into Boulevard Street 2.9 to feet at the North end, and 6.2 to feet at the South end. This is along the line of the present sidewalk construction, and the said brick wall ought to be at once removed from its present location. Respectfully, (signed) J.P. Campbell, City Engr.

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Adjourned Meeting, June 2, 1890, Continued.

On motion of alderman Solomon the recommendations of the City Engineer in reference to the removal of the West brick wall of the Ben Schuster property now projecting into Boulevard street was ordered to be carried out and the wall removed.

The change of grade on the South side of Boulevard street from El Paso to Oregon St. was ordered to be lowered two feet, as suggested in the report of the City Engineer, by the following vote: Yeas, Davis, Kingsbury, Merrick, Magoffin, Papin and Solomon. Nays, none.

The City Clerk asked upon what fund the appropriation in aid of the police, for purchase of uniforms should be drawn?

On motion of alderman Papin the Police Committee was instructed to report in what manner and by whom the appropriation for police uniforms should be expended.

Streets and Grades Committee.

Chairman Solomon from the Streets and Grades Committee reported the following resolution:

Whereas, Two petitions have been presented to the city council asking for improvements of North Santa Fe and South Santa Fe streets by the property owners of said street, Therefore be it

Resolved, By the City Council of the City of El Paso, That it is necessary to grade and gravel North Santa Fe street from its intersection with Boulevard street to its intersection with San Francisco St. and to grade and gravel and build tar and gravel sidewalks on both sides of South Santa Fe street from its intersection with San Francisco Street to its intersection with Fifth Street.

Pub. in Official paper (Times) June 6, 13, 20 and 27th 1890.

On motion of alderman Davis the resolution was adopted.

Chairman Solomon read a communication from the Assessor and Collector in reference to Boot black stands on the streets, and moved that the tax paid by H. H. Jenkins, for stand privilege at corner of El Paso and San Antonio streets be reduced from $2.00 to $1.00 per month.

The motion was adopted.

Finance Committee.

The finance Committe through Chairman Papin presented the following monthly Pay Roll, which was approved and warrants ordered to be drawn for same.

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Dan Kelly,	650	" 2d "	"	25 "
Jas. W. Magoffin,	651	" "	"	25 "
M. B. Davis,	652	" 3d "	"	25 "
H. M. Kingsbury,	653	" "	"	25 "
Louis Papin,	654	" 4th "	"	25 "
A. Solomon,	655	" "	"	25 "
W. M. Coldwell,	656 and 662	Recorder,	"	25 "
Leigh Clark,	657	City Attorney,	"	125 "
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W. M. Yandell,	660	" Health Physician	"	83 33
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George D. Bovee,	253-4-5-6.	City Clerk,	Special	30 "
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Santiago Alvarado	252	" Mexican	"	50 "
W. G. Colwell	64	Sewer Pump Engineer,	"	50 "
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Adjourned Meeting, June 2. 1890. Continued.

On motion of Alderman Davis the City Clerk was instructed to look up the matter of payments to the Park Commissioners, and report at the next meeting.

Special Committees.

Alderman Davis, Chairman of the Special Committee on Artesian Water made the following report, which was received and ordered filed.

El Paso, Texas, May 28th. 1890.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen: We, your Special committee on Artesian Water would respectfully report as follows: On last Sunday, learning that Professor Kay, of Washington had arrived, we called on him at the Hotel and arranged to start at 6 a.m. Monday morning, on a trip to the Mesa and around the end of Franklin mountain, for the purpose of showing the professor the surrounding country and getting his advice in the matter of making a selection of grounds for the proposed artesian well.

We first drove to the Mesa West of the mountain, halting several times for Mr Kay to examine the croppings at various places. We followed along the Mesa to the foot of the mountain, there left the carriage and walked across the foot hills for some distance, examining the location offered by Mr Mc Elligan for well and reservoir purposes. We then passed around the end of the mountain and on to East El Paso, returning by the valley road. Mr Kay advises the city to bore West of the mountain and on the lower Mesa North of the S.P. track and well up towards the high Mesa. We think we would thereby avoid the ponds of the valley, which would be difficult to bore through and maintain a straight hole for any considerable distance, and precipitating the narrowing down of the diameter of the well, a thing which should be avoided if possible. We think the chances of striking the granite would be as good in this locality as at any other point about here. He also advised that if granite is encountered in our drilling, not to go very far into it, but as soon as found continue on for 100, or 150 feet, as it would be best to abandon the well and make a new location.

Colonel Mellon and Mr Kay, both advise the opinion that we should have a competent and experienced man to supervise the work of boring for the city, who shall decide when it is necessary to narrow the diameter of the well, and who shall keep an accurate record of every days boring, analyze and preserve samples of all different formations encountered, the depth at which found, and all other necessary information which should be made record of. We think Mr Dumble, Chief of the Geological Department of this State, might be requested by the City Council, detail one of his men who would be competent for this service, to come here and attend to this work. The information which he would obtain would, doubtless, be of great value to the department, and it would be work right in the line of their investigation, now being made.

Professor Robert Kay, has charge of the United States Artesian well investigation, which is made a separate branch under the Geological survey of the Arid lands of the United States.

(Signed) W. B Davis, Chairman, W. B Merrick

Communications

A communication from S. H. Kean & Co. declining to take the $75000. Artesian Water Bonds contracted for, was read and ordered filed.

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Unfinished Business.

In the matter of serving notice on the owner or agent of the Old Central Hotel, at the suggestion of the City Attorney the City Clerk was instructed to prepare a notice in accord with former recommendation of the City Attorney, and cause the same to be served by the Chief of Police.

New Business.

The bids of W. S. Bryker, Sorensen and Lincoln, and M. Rotunno for putting down stone Street Crossings, were read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Grades.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved

Richard Coles Mayor

E. D. Bovee.
City Clerk.

To Elevate Greek Women.

A very interesting petition has recently been submitted by the women of Greece to the government asking that higher educational opportunities be given to girls, and some attempt be made toward the elevation of women. It seems that during the quarter of a century since the present king's reign public schools and gymnasia for boys have been founded, naval and military academies opened free of charge, and opportunities arranged by which the son of the artisan and shepherd, born of ignorant peasant parents, may yet become statesmen, diplomates, soldiers and merchants. The burden of the petition, which has 2,850 signatures, is that there

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Official Notice.

TO OWNERS OF PROPERTY ON NORTH AND SOUTH SANTA FE STREET

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Approved

Richard Coples Mayor

G. E. Bovee.
City Clerk.

Regular Meeting, Friday, June 6, 1890.

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Present: Mayor Richard Caples and the following aldermen: Davis, Kelly, Kingsbury, Magoffin, Papin and Solomon, 6. Absent: J. P. Dieter and W. B. Merrick, 2

On motion of alderman Papin reading of the minutes of the last meeting (June 2nd) were dispensed with.

The following report of the City Clerk was read and ordered filed:

El Paso, Texas, June 5th 1890.

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen: I have examined my books and find that the last payment made to Samuel Beker, park commissioner, was by warrant No 91, dated August 30th 1889, as follows:

Allowance for labor in City Park for May, June, July and August,	200.00
Trees, Expressage, Tools, Plumbing work &c.	135.55
Interest,	14.45
Total,	350.00

The following report of the City Attorney was read and referred to the City Engineer.

El Paso, Texas, June 6th 1890

To the Hon. City Council:

Gentlemen: Your City Attorney to whom was referred the matter of the removal of certain adobe houses, abutting on Crosby, Anthony, and Durango streets would recommend that the said houses be not removed, unless the same encroach upon, or, are in said street.

Very respectfully, (signed) Leigh Clark, City Attorney.

Streets and Grades Committee.

Chairman Solomon of the Streets and Grades Committee, reported back the estimate of the City Engineer for tar and gravel walks in the plaza, with the recommendation that the work be not done at present.

The report was ordered filed and the recommendation approved.

Alderman Solomon informed the council that Ben Schuster had informed him that he would have the brick wall (reported as projecting into Boulevard Street) removed as soon as the City Engineer would give him the proper lines.

Chairman Solomon reported in favor of accepting the bid of M. Rotunno for putting in Stone Crossings as contained in the following bid

El Paso, Texas, May, 1890.

To the Hon. City Council,

Gentlemen: I hereby agree to put in the Stone Crossing and Gutter flumes on El Paso and Saint Louis streets, as advertised by the City Engineer on May 20th 1890, according to specifications, at the following prices for complete crossing and flume laid:

2870 superficial square feet of stone at 65¢ per square foot,	$1865.00
336 lineal feet of gutter flagging at 80¢ per lineal foot,	265.00
4885 square feet B.M. oak lumber at 17 cents per square foot,	850.00
	2981.00

And it is further agreed that the City Council shall, at its option increase or diminish the amount of this work the total cost of which shall be determined by actual measurement, after the work is finished.

(signed) M. Rotunno.

On motion of Alderman Papin the bid of M. Rotunno was accepted.

On motion of Ald. Solomon, the certified checks accompanying the bids of H. S. Lyter and Messrs Sorensen and Kneale were ordered to be returned.

On motion of Ald. Solomon the city attorney was directed to draw up a contract and bond for the work awarded to M. Rotunno.

Finance Committee.

Chairman Papin of the Finance Committee presented presented a bill from the Times Publishing Company claiming pay for an ordinance published in the El Paso Tribune, the same as if it had been published in the El Paso Times, and asked that it be referred to the city atty for his legal opinion. It was so referred.

Regular Meeting, June 6, 1890. Continued.

Chairman Papin reported favorably upon the following bills:

Name	No	Purpose	Fund	Amt
H. F. Stacy,	664	Dead Animals and Scavenger Work Apr. May	General	258 35
J. B. Payne,	665	Sprinkling plaza, April and May, 1890.	"	17 50
Herald News, Comp.	666	Printing brief. ad. proposals, &c	"	40 82
E. E. Russell	667	Advertising proposals in Tribune	"	3 60
El Paso Transfer Co.,	668	Two Hacks for Water Committee	"	13 "
D. McKenzie,	669	Rent of City Hall, May and June '90	"	447 96
Mrs W. H. Kingsbury,	670	164 meals to prisoners, April and May, '90	"	32 80
F. V. Bovee	671	Assg. City Engineer	"	4 "
J. L. Evans,	672	" " "	"	2 "
E. R. Stafford,	673	" " "	"	5 "
W. J. Long,	674	" " "	"	8 50
Tom Ramerez, per Louis Toen	675	" " "	"	2 "
El Paso Gas, Elec. Lgt. & Power Co.	676	Electric Lighting, April and May, 1890,	"	535 50
O. A. Larrazola,	677	Transcript Ashford vs City, No. 1030,	"	34 20
El Paso Gas, Elec. Lgt. & Power Co.	678	Gas for April and May, 1890.	"	328 16
Star Stables,	679	Repairing for City Jail,	"	3 "
Geo. Herald per W. H. Parker,	680	Hauling to Pest House	"	13 "
Times Pub. Comp.	681	Offl printing for May, 1890.	"	182 08
Henry Bencke,	682	City Jail and Pest House supplies	"	24 38
Ice and Refrigerator Co.	683	Ice for City Hall, April, 1890	"	8 65
Wm. Cameron & Co.	684	Lumber for fencing polls,	"	2 07
Gaston and Newell,	685	Groceries for Pest House, April, 1890.	"	12 55
G. W. Baylor, per M. B. Davis	686	Copy of decree of Court, Water case	"	80
El Paso Water Comp	687	Flushing 12 Sewer tanks, April and May	"	144 "
E. E. Russell,	688	Publishing Fireman's Ordinance	"	3 14
Engineering News,	689	Proposals for boring well.	"	4 80
Henry Bencke,	64	Tools for working streets,	Street Maintenc	9 50
El Paso Transfer Comp.	65	Street work, April 26 to May 2, 1890.	"	62 "
N. S. Western,	66	Hack used by Com. & City Engineer	"	3 "
El Paso Transfer Comp.	67	Street Work, May 3 to 30, 1890,	"	263 "
O. A. Larrazola,	22	Court officers fees No. 986, Dist. Court,	Street Impt	112 70
J. B. Payne,	23	Sprinkling Myrtle Street	" "	7 "
Chas. E. Frum,	24	Culvert on Oregon St.	" "	48 20
El Paso Fy and Machine Sp.	66	300# cast iron sewer top	Sewer	15 "
Henry Bencke,	67	Cement, oil &c. April and May,	"	13 35
Berla and Company	68	Pipe, and flush tank connection	"	281 48
M. D. Campbell,	69	Building flush tank	"	16 40
		Total,		2963 49

On motion of alderman Kelly the foregoing bills amounting to $2963.49, were approved and warrants ordered drawn upon the proper funds.

The committee reported favorably upon the claim of Waters Davis for balance of salary due him as Recorder.

On motion it was referred to the City attorney for his legal opinion.

Communications

A complaint against Sewer Commission McGlennon was read and referred to the Building Committee

Chief of Police Lyons presented an original warrant, supposed to have been lost, in place of which a duplicate had been issued and bond given for $17.50 asking that the warrant be cancelled and his bondsmen released. It was so ordered.

On motion of Ald Davis Hydrants or fire plugs were ordered to be placed at the corner of Fourth and Hills street, and at the corner of Fourth and Tornillo streets.

New Business.

Alderman Solomon made a complaint against police officers James F. Martin, Teodoro Riveroll and C. R. Helm for unofficerlike conduct

The matter was referred to the Police committee for investigation

The city attorney recommended that some one be sent to Austin to look after the suit of Ashford vs City, No. 1030

Referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Regular Meeting, June 6, 1890, Continued.

The city attorney presented the following ordinance, which was read:

No. 16-X

An Ordinance

Declaring the Old Central Hotel Building a nuisance, and directing the same be torn down.

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

Section 1 — It appearing to the City Council that notice, as required by ordinance No. 22 has been duly and properly served on M.W. Stanton, the agent of the owners of the Old Central Hotel Building, said owners being absent from said city) said notice requiring the said owners or agent to appear before the City Council at this regular meeting, and to show cause why said building should not be condemned as a nuisance, as the same is liable to fall down and endanger the lives of persons and property; and the said owners having neither appeared in person or by agents, and the city council having duly considered the matter, do Ordain that the said Old Central Hotel Building, situate in part between the Center Block and the Grand Central Hotel Building, proper, thence running back to the alley, said building being constructed of stone, adobe and wood, is a nuisance; that the same be torn down or removed, as the said building is liable to fall down and endanger the lives of persons or property; that the owners of said building, or in the event of their absence from the city, that M.W. Stanton, their agent, be, and are hereby ordered to take down and remove said Old Central Hotel Building within ten days after service of notice, as provided by said Ordinance No. 22; and after the dissolution of the injunction heretofore granted by the District Court upon the application of said owners, against said city, and that upon their failure to remove said building, then the city will remove the same at the expense of said owners, and assess the expense on the land upon which said Old Central Hotel Building stands.

Section 2 — Be it further ordained that this Ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

attest: G.E. Boyce, City Clerk. Approved June 9th 1890 Mayor

On motion of Alderman Davis the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the following vote: Yeas: Davis, Kelly, Kingsbury, Magoffin, Pakin and Solomon. 6.

Nays: none. Absent: T.P. Dicker, Wallace B. Merrick. 2.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

G.E. Boyce, City Clerk.

Approved

Richard Caples Mayor.

Regular Meeting, Friday, June 13, 1890.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met in regular session at 8 p.m. Friday, June 13, A.D. 1890: Present, mayor Richard Caples and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, Dan Kelly, H. M. Kingsbury, J. W. Magoffin, Louis Papin and A. Solomon. Absent: J. P. Dieter.

The minutes of the last meeting (June 6th 1890) were read and approved.

The city attorney presented the following contract with M. Rotunno for putting down Stone Crossings:

State of Texas, County of El Paso.

This contract made and entered into by and between the City of El Paso, acting herein by her Mayor, and M. Rotunno, Witnesseth: Whereas, the City of El Paso, by and through its City Council, on the sixth day of June, A.D. 1890, awarded to the said M. Rotunno the contract for certain "Stone Street Crossings", and whereas the said M. Rotunno is required to enter into bond and written contract for the proper performance of said work, Now Therefore the said M. Rotunno for the consideration hereinafter expressed, hereby agrees to put in stone crossings and gutter flumes on El Paso and St Louis streets, as heretofore advertised by the City Engineer, and as hereinafter described, to wit: Twelve crossings, as follows:

One at Mesa Avenue and Saint Louis street on North side of the intersection.
Two (2) at Oregon and Saint Louis streets, on the North and West of the intersection.
Two at San Francisco and El Paso streets, on the North and West of the intersection.
Two (2) at San Antonio and El Paso streets, on the East and South of the intersection.
One at East Overland and El Paso streets
One from West Overland, on North side, across El Paso street, and
Three (3) at Second and El Paso streets, on the East, South and West of the intersection.

These crossings shall be of any hard stone, free from all seams and flaws. The stones shall be sixteen inches (16") wide, not less than six inches (6") deep, and not less than three feet long, except the last stone laid, which may be not less than eighteen inches (18") long.

The sixteen inch (16") face shall be dressed to a smooth and even surface, and laid up for the surface of the crossing. The ends shall be dressed to smooth faces at right angles with the surface, and when laid together shall form joints not more than one quarter (¼) of an inch wide for a depth of six inches (6") The sides of the stone shall be roughly dressed for two inches (2") from the top and at right angles to the ends. The end of the first stone laid shall be thirty inches (30") from the curb stone to allow for the gutter flume, and so with the last stone laid on the opposite side.

The stones shall be laid, end to end across the street, in two rows, three feet (3') apart in the clear, each row being equi-distant from the center line of the crossing. When laid, the surfaces of the stones shall all be in the straight line joining the top of the curbs on opposite sides of the crossings, with all joints on top and sides close and flush. The trenches in which the stones are laid shall be well tamped and covered with two inches (2") of sand in the bottom. The portion of the trench not occupied by the stone shall be filled with gravel well tamped down level with the surface of the crossing. The entire space between the rows of stone shall be filled with good gravel well tamped so as to form a gently arched surface to the entire crossing. In case the crossing projects above the street, on either side, owing to the latter not being graded, or for other cause, the said M. Rotunno shall make regular and easy approaches by filling with gravel.

The gutter flumes for the width of the walk shall be of stone of the following dimensions and construction, to wit: Twenty-four inches (24") from the curb stone, in clear stone slabs, eighteen inches (18") deep, six inches (6") wide, and not less than three feet (3') long, shall be set on edge for a distance equal to the width of the sidewalk and parallel to the curb, and when settled in place, the top of the stones shall be four inches (4") below the top of the curb. A square shoulder shall be cut on the curb stone facing the gutter. This shoulder or open mortice shall be four inches (4") deep, as wide as the sidewalk and shall present a three inch (3") bearing surface on the bottom. The covering of the gutter shall be stone slab thirty-three inches (33") wide, four inches (4") thick, and not less than three feet long. They must be dressed to smooth surfaces, and none of the joints of the flume shall be more than one quarter inch (¼") wide for the entire depth of joint, and when laid, the cover on top shall be level with the top of the curb and crossing. The flume shall be filled on the outer side with gravel throughout its length, and when finished shall correspond to the diagram forming a part of and incorporated in the plans and specifications for said work, on file in the office of the City Engineer, which said plans and specifications are made a part of this contract. The gutter flume across the street shall be of sound, seasoned oak lumber with a good coat of coal tar. It shall be twenty-four inches wide in clear, and the top shall be level with the crossing. The top and side shall be of three inch (3") lumber, and the bottom of two inch. Six (6) inch nails for top and inch for bottom shall be used. All work and material shall be subject to the inspection of the Street and Grades committee and the city engineer; and all work shall be done under the direction of the city engineer. It is further agreed that the said City Council may, at any time, increase or diminish the amount of work to be done, and the total cost of the work done shall be determined by actual measurement, after the work is completed. In consideration of the faithful performance of said work as aforesaid, the said city of El Paso, as aforesaid, agrees to pay in General "Street Improvement warrants" the following prices: For the completion of said crossings and the laying of said flumes, sixty-five cents (65 cts) per superficial square foot of stone: eighty cents (80 cts) per lineal foot of gutter flagging; seventeen cents (17 cts) per square foot, board measure, for oak lumber. The amount of said work and the prices to be paid therefor being estimated as follows:

2870 Superficial square feet stone, at sixty-five cents (65 cts) per square foot	$1,865.00
336 lineal feet of gutter flagging at eighty cents (80 cts) per lineal foot,	265.00
4885 square feet, board measure, oak lumber at seventeen cents (17 cts) per square foot,	850.00
Total,	2,981.00

That the payment for said work on the above basis shall be made as follows: That upon the completion and acceptance of any portion of said work, the said M. Rotunno, upon obtaining an estimate of the work done from the City Engineer, sanctioned by the Streets and Grades committee and approved by the city Council, shall be entitled to receive eighty (80) per cent of the contract price for said work, as aforesaid, and the said city shall be entitled to retain the remaining twenty (20) per cent. of the contract price for said work until the final

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completion of all the said work provided by this contract, and upon the final completion and acceptance of said work as aforesaid, then the said city shall pay over the said twenty per cent to said M. Rotunno, unless by reason of his negligence he may have subjected said city to damages, in which event a sufficient pro rata of said twenty per cent. may be retained for indemnity. Said estimates for work done may be made as often as once a week, within the discretion of the city engineer and Streets and Grades Committee; and when said work is so estimated and approved, the City Council shall issue its warrants as aforesaid accordingly.

Said contract by the said M. Rotunno shall be done and completed with all reasonable dispatch, and without unnecessary or unreasonable delay. That for any damages occasioned by the said M. Rotunno, his agents or employes in the doing of said work, whereby the said city may be liable, the said Rotunno agrees to assume said liability and to hold the said city harmless in the premises.

It is further stipulated that the city engineer shall have the right to reject any material or work which does not conform to or comply with the said plans and specifications, and the terms and conditions of this contract.

In testimony whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals, this, the 12th day of June, 1890.

(Signed) The City of El Paso, by Richard Caples, Mayor
(") M. Rotunno.

The following bond was presented:

State of Texas.. County of El Paso.

Know all men by these presents. That we, M. Rotunno as principal and J. F. Gaston and G. W. Newell, as sureties are held and firmly bound unto the City of El Paso in the sum of one thousand dollars, payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, both jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas, the above bound, M. Rotunno, hath this day entered into a contract with the said city of El Paso to put in certain stone crossings and Gutter flumes particularly described in said contract and in the plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Engineer, which said plans and specifications are here referred to and made a part of this bond.

Now therefore if the said M. Rotunno shall well and truly carry out and perform all the terms, requirements, and conditions of said contract, and said plans and specifications, and shall hold said city harmless from all damages occasioned by the negligence of the said M. Rotunno, and shall complete said work according to said plans and specifications and said contract, with all reasonable dispatch, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and effect.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands, this, the 12th day of June, A.D. 1890.

(Signed) J. F. Gaston } Sureties
G. W. Newell }

(Signed) M. Rotunno,
Principal.

On motion of Alderman Davis the foregoing contract was approved by the Council.

On motion of Alderman Papin the foregoing bond of M. Rotunno was approved.

The city attorney presented the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Kingsbury, Davis, Merrick, Magoffin, Papin and Solomon, 6. Nays, Alderman Kelly, 1. Absent, J. P. Dieter.

No. 26

An Ordinance

Amending Ordinance No. 23, Approved March 25, 1890.

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

Section 1 That section seven (7) of An Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance Creating the Office of City Scavenger and Pound Keeper, defining his duties, etc.', being Ordinance No. 23, Approved March 25th 1890, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 7: That if said officer fails to carry off filth whenever so requested, and within a reasonable time thereafter; or, if he remove filth in violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in any sum, not exceeding fifty dollars: That it shall be unlawful for any private person to remove privy filth, and any person, other than the city scavenger, who shall remove, or attempt to remove, privy filth, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined in any sum, not exceeding fifty dollars. ($50.)

Section 2 That this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Attest: [signature] Lovee, City Clerk.

Approved June 14th 1890.

Richard Caples, Mayor

On motion of Alderman Solomon the certified check deposited by M. Rotunno with his bid was ordered to be returned to him.

The following report of the City Engineer was read:

To the Hon. City Council: El Paso, Texas, June 13th 1890.

Gentlemen: In regard to the report of the City Attorney relative to Crosby, Anthony and Durango streets, which was referred to your City Engineer, I have to report that on Crosby street between the A. T. and S. F. Railroad reservation and San Francisco street, there are five (5) houses on, or projecting onto Crosby street; and on San Francisco street and fronting block 171, an adobe house is standing.

The street lines here are marked by stakes, and I recommend the removal of the above houses with the fences which encroach on the streets; all the houses and fences being on the West and the North side of block 171, Campbell Addition. I also recommend that the crossings of the railroad tracks be moved from

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their present position about 100 feet West of Crosby street, to the intersection of Crosby and San Francisco streets, and suitable approaches made to them.

On San Francisco street, between Anthony and Durango streets, and fronting Block 51, just South of the railroad track, there are a number of dead cottonwood trees and some telegraph poles, which should be removed, and that part of San Francisco street graded to permit travel.

On San Francisco street, between Durango and Leon streets, the corner of an adobe house projects into the streets.

Anthony and Durango streets are free from the above obstructions, but it is, probably, advisable to have crossings, with suitable approaches, constructed over the railroad tracks where the above streets cross San Francisco street.

(Signed) J. L. Campbell, City Engineer

On motion of Alderman Davis that part of the city engineer's report relating to the removal of houses &c. was referred to the City Attorney and the Chief of Police: and that part referring to crossings, etc. was referred to the Streets and Grades committee.

Police Committee.

Chairman Magoffin of the police committee reported back the application of James E. Young for appointment on the police force and recommended that it be placed on file. It was so ordered

Chairman Magoffin then submitted and read the following report:

El Paso, Texas, June 13, 1890.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen: Certain complaints against the police force having been referred to your committee, we have to report that we have investigated the matter as thoroughly as the testimony to be obtained will permit, and from such facts as we have been enabled to gather, your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the police department of this city is in a very unsatisfactory condition, and that all of the members of the police force, from the Chief to the Jailor, are guilty of general neglect of duty.

As complaining citizens do not see fit to appear before your committee and give testimony regarding their complaints, it is a very difficult matter to sustain charges against members of the police force.

For want of confidence in T. C. Lyons, C. B. Dowd, T. Riveroll, C. R. Helm, J. W. Johnson, L. E. Huffman, Jas. F. Martin, Jno. B. Saunders, R. B. Stevens and S. Alvarado, policemen, your committee recommend that they be discharged from the police force, and herewith submit a resolution to that effect:

Resolved: by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That for want of confidence in police Officers T. C. Lyons, C. B. Dowd, T. Riveroll, C. R. Helm, J. W. Johnson, L. E. Huffman, Jas. F. Martin, Jno. B. Saunders, R. B. Stevens, and S. Alvarado, they be, and are hereby removed from office.

Approved June 15th 1890.

Attest

(Signed) Richard Caples, Mayor.

(Signed) G. E. Bovee, City Clerk.

Your Committee further recommend.

1st: That the police ordinance be so amended that a vote of a majority of the members of the council shall be sufficient to discharge any police officer for neglect of duty or violation of the Police ordinance.

2d: That the police committee be empowered by ordinance to suspend any police officer for not less than five, nor more than fifteen days, without pay, for neglect of duty or violation of the police ordinance.

We would respectfully request that the city attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance covering the foregoing recommendations.

(Signed) J. W. Magoffin, chairman; L. Papin, Dan Kelly.

On motion of Alderman Papin the report and recommendations therein contained, including the resolution reported by the committee, were adopted on a call of the roll by the following vote: Yeas, Davis, Kelly, Kingsbury, Merrick, Magoffin, Papin and Solomon. Nays, none; Absent J. P. Dieter. More than 2/3 of all the members elected voting in favor.

Building Committee.

Chairman Kingsbury, from the building committee submitted the following report:

El Paso, Texas, June 13th 1890

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen: The complaint made by Davis & Symonds against Sewer Commissioner M. C. McGlennon having been referred to the building committee, we have investigated the same.

The delay charged to him by Davis & Symonds, in that he failed to inspect work done by them for W. M. James, thereby causing them the extra expense, is explained by the Commissioner, and corroborated by the pump engineer, that he was obliged to be at the pump house on the evening in question, and did not return to town until after 6 p.m., and too late to inspect work.

In regard to the extra work done at Mrs Porter's, the records are at fault, and the Vs are not where indicated, (or at least part of them) on the records.

Your committee would recommend that the complaint be filed and that the Commissioner be strictly impartial towards all plumbers.

(Signed) H. M. Kingsbury, chairman B.C.

On motion of Alderman Magoffin the report was received and Commissioner McGlennon exhonerated from blame.

Regular Meeting. June 13. 1890 Continued.

Special Committees.

Aldermann Davis, Chairman of the Artesian Water Committee reported that the Committee was favorable for disposing of the greater part of the Artesian Water bonds among the citizens of El Paso.

Communications

The Chief of Police reported the following collections for May. 1890.

Recorders Court. Vagrancy fines, May 1st to 31st		240.
" " Lottery fines, " " "		30.
" " Miscellaneous, " " "		163.75
With Treasurers receipt for the Total amt.		433.75

On motion of Aldermann Polpin the report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Assessor and Collector made the following report of collections for May. 1890.

Statement of Assessor and Collector for May. 1890.

From Occupation Licenses. May 1st to 31st	606.		
" Dog licenses, " " "	147.50	753.50	
" Circus permits, " "		100.	853.50
Less 5% commission.			42.67½
Treasurers receipts Nos 234 and 235 show cash paid.			810.82½

On motion the report was referred to the Finance Committee

New Business.

At the request of Mayor Caples. Aldermann J. P. Dicker was granted 30 days leave of absence.

On motion of Aldermann Polpin the Mayor and Finance committee were authorized to furnish the U.S. Census enumerators with blanks and to assist them in any proper manner in obtaining a full, fair and complete enumeration of all the inhabitants.

On motion of Aldermann Polpin the Council adjourned.

G. E. Boyce
City Clerk

Approved

Richard Caples Mayor.

Regular Meeting, Friday, June 20. 1890.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The city council met in regular session at 8 p.m. Friday, June 20th. 1890.

Members present: Al. J. Davis, Dan Kelly, Louis Polpin, and Adolphe Solomon. 4.

" absent: J. P. Dicker, G. M. Kingsbury, W. B. Merrick and J. W. Magoffin. 4

There being no quorum present, on motion of Aldermann Davis the meeting was adjourned to Saturday, June 21st. 1890 at 8 p.m.

G. E. Boyce,
City Clerk.

Approved,

Richard Caples Mayor.

Regular Adjourned Meeting, Sat. June 21. 1890.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Tex.

The city council met, pursuant to adjournment, at 8 p.m. Saturday, June twenty-first (21st) A.D., 1890.

Members present: Mayor Richard Caples, and Aldermen M.B. Davis, Dan Kelly, N.M. Kingsbury, James W. Magoffin, Louis Palm and Adolphe Solomon, 7.

Absent: J. F. Dicker.

The minutes of the last meetings (June 6th and 13th, 1890.) were read and approved.

Reports of City Officers.

The city attorney reported verbally that Wm Kohlberg had enjoined J.E. Terry from pulling down sidewalk in front of his property in the 4th Ward. Also, that the City Banks appear to be of the opinion that the artesian water bonds are valid.

The following report of the City Clerk was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

El Paso, Texas, June 20th 1890.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit report showing Warrants drawn, upon what fund and amount of same, for the month of May, 1890, & also the total amount issued since the commencement of the fiscal year, March 1st 1890.

Fund		Numbers.		Issued in May, 1890.	Reported Previously	Total since Mar. 1890.
General fund,	Warrants	No. 645	to 690	3207 30	6635 03	9842 42
Special fund,	"	" 243	" 257	885 48	1582 64	2468 12
St. Improvement fund,	"	" 22	" 24	167 90		167 90
St. Maintenance fund,	"	" 63	" 67	338 50	528 75	866 25
School fund,	"	"	" 4	202 13	2627 66	2829 79
Sewer fund,	"	" 61	" 69	610 48	829 53	1440 01
		Totals,		5410 88	12,203 61	17614 49

Respectfully, G. E. Bovee, City Clerk.

Police Committee.

Chairman Magoffin of the Police Committee reported back the petition of policemen Rivercll and Alvarado and asked that they be placed on file. It was so ordered.

Special Committees.

Chairman Davis, from the Special Committee on Artesian Water moved that the City Clerk notify J. W. Shedd of Indianapolis that the city authorities desire to consult with him with a view to closing a contract with him to bore artesian well, and that in case of failure, for any reasonable cause, to close a contract, the city will pay his railroad fare to El Paso and return. The motion was adopted.

Communications

Applications from B.N. Blanchard and Frank Hart for appointment on the police force were read and ordered to be placed on file

A petition signed by 93 citizens asking the council to change the boundary described in section "One" of Ordinance No. 25, was read and on motion of Alderman Magoffin, rejected.

A petition to grade St. Louis street was read and referred to the Streets and Grades Com.

A petition asking the city to sprinkle El Paso and St. Louis streets from the A.T. and S.F. Railroads depot to the Southern Pacific depot was read and referred to the Streets and Grades Com.

A complaint from J. L. Owen against certain unruly boys in the vicinity of Mesa Avenue and Idaho streets was read and referred to the city attorney.

A communication from the Fire Department notifying the city of the appointment of W.A. Baird as "Fire Policeman", vice J. Connor, resigned, was read and referred to the Fire and Water Committee.

Adjourned Regular Meeting, Sat. June 21, 1890.

The petition of Jno. B. Saunders, James F. Martin and R. B. Stevens asking Council to reconsider its action in dismissing them from the police force, supported by a petition signed by 67 citizens, was read and on motion of Alderman Magoffin, tabled. (4 to 3)

Unfinished Business.

Alderman Solomon called attention to several petitions laid before the Council some time ago, asking additional Street lights.

On motion of Alderman Solomon the matter was refd to the Fire & Water and Street Lighting Committee.

New Business.

Mayor Caples notified the Council that he had appointed T. C. Lutterloh, T. H. Boone and T. R. Heustis, J. M. Kinne and Harry Walton, as special policemen to fill vacancies on the police force.

On motion of Alderman Papin the action of the mayor was sustained.

A telegram from Alderman J. P. Dieter, asking that his leave of absence be extended to June 27th, was read, and the request granted.

Alderman Solomon offered the following which was read and a[illegible]

Pub. June 24, July 1, 8, & 15th, 1890.

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That it is necessary to [illegible] from its intersection with Rio Grande street to its intersection with C[illegible]

Attest: G. E. Bovee, City Clerk.

Approved June 23, 1890

Official Notice.

To Owners of Property on Mesa Avenue, El Paso, Texas:

In compliance with section 140 of the City Charter, the following resolution, adopted by the City Council June 21st, 1890, is hereby published:

"Resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That it is necessary to grade Mesa Avenue from its intersection with Rio Grande street to its intersection with California street.

G. E. Bovee, City Clerk

El Paso, Texas, June 25th, 1890.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

G. E. Bovee, City Clerk

Approved

Richard Caples, Mayor.

Regular Meeting, Friday, June 27th 1890.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Tex.

The city council met in regular session at 8 p.m. Friday, June 27th 1890.

Present: Mayor, Richard Caples and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, J. P. Dieter, Dan Kelly, H. M. Kingsbury, Jas. W. Magoffin, W. B. Merrick, Louis Papin and A. Solomon. 8.

The minutes of the last meeting, (June 21st, 1890.) were read and approved.

Reports of City Officers.

The city attorney presented a lengthy written report unfavorable to the claim of Waters Davis for payment of salary as recorder of the city of El Paso from April 17th to June 14th, 1889, amounting to $237.50.

On motion of Alderman Magoffin the report of the city attorney was received and adopted and the claim of Waters Davis rejected.

Finance Committee.

The following report of the Finance committee was read and ordered filed:

To the Honorable City Council, El Paso, Texas, June 27th. A. D. 1890.

Gentlemen: Your Finance Committee has examined the report of the Chief of Police, showing fines collected for May, 1890, and find by comparing it with the Recorder's Record book that the same is correct, and all fines accounted for, with the exception of two fines, uncollected, which have been carried over to the present month.

The report of the assessor and Collector has been checked and found to agree with his books.

Respectfully, (signed) L. Papin, Chairman, M. B. Davis.

Chairman Papin of the Finance Committee presented the following pay roll of City Officers, which was approved and warrants directed to be issued for payment of same:

Name.		Office.		Fund.	Amt.
Richard Caples,	691	Mayor's salary for June, 1890.		General,	100 "
J. P. Dieter,	692	Alderman, 1st ward		General,	25 "
W. B. Merrick	693	" "		"	25 "
Dan Kelly	694	" 2d "		"	25 "
Jas. W. Magoffin	695	" "		"	25 "
M. B. Davis,	696	" 3d "		"	25 "
H. M. Kingsbury,	697	" "		"	25 "
Louis Papin,	698	" 4th "		"	25 "
A. Solomon,	699	" "		"	25 "
W. M. Coldwell,	700	City Recorder,		"	125 "
Leigh Clark,	701	" Attorney,		"	125 "
Charles W. Fassett	702	" Treasurer,		"	50 "
J. L. Campbell,	703	" Engineer,		"	83 34
W. M. Yandell,	704	" Health Physician,		"	135 "
J. C. Lyons,	705	" Chief of Police,		"	150 "
				Total	968 34
Angel Torrero,	262	Keeper, Pest House,		Special	30 "
Geo. E. Bovee,	263	City Clerk,		"	125 "
Chas. B. Dowd,	264	Captain of Police,		"	100 "
Jas. F. Martin	259	Policeman	13 days	"	32 50
R. B. Stevens,	260	"	13 "	"	32 50
John B. Saunders,	258	"	13 "	"	32 50
L. Ed. Huffman	261½	"	16 "	"	40 "
Teodoro Riveroll,	261	"	12 "	"	20 "
Santiago Alvarado	265	"	17 "	"	42 50
C. R. Helm,	266	"		"	75 "
J. W. Johnson,	267	"		"	75 "
Harry Walton,	268	"	16 days,	"	40 "
J. C. Litterloh,	269	"	17 "	"	42 50
J. R. Heustis,	270	"	17 "	"	42 50
J. H. Boone,	271	"	17 "	"	42 50
J. M. Kinne,	272	"	14 "	"	35 "
				Total.	807 50
M. C. McGlennon,	70	Sewer Commissioner,		Sewer fund	75 "
W. G. Colwell,	71	" Pump Engineer		" "	90 "
				Total,	165 "

Recapitulation

General Fund,	968.34
Special "	807.50
Sewer "	165.00
	1940.84

Adjourned Regular Meeting, Sat. June 21, 1890.

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Attest: G. E. Bovee, City Clerk.

Approved June 23, 1890

Mayor

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

G. E. Bovee, City Clerk

Approved

Richard Caples, Mayor.

Regular Meeting, Friday, June 27th 1890.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Tex.

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The minutes of the last meeting, (June 21st, 1890.) were read and approved.

Reports of City Officers.

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On motion of Alderman Magoffin the report of the city attorney was received and adopted and the claim of Walter Davis rejected.

Finance Committee.

The following report of the Finance committee was read and ordered filed:

El Paso, Texas, June 27th, A.D. 1890.

To the Honorable City Council,

Gentlemen: Your Finance Committee has examined the report of the Chief of Police, showing fines collected for May, 1890, and find by comparing it with the Recorder's Record books that same is correct, and all fines accounted for, with the exception of two fines, uncollected, which have been carried over to the present month.

The report of the assessor and Collector has been checked and found to agree with his books.

Respectfully, (signed) L. Palm, Chairman, M.B. Davis.

Chairman Palm of the Finance Committee presented the following pay roll of city officers, which was approved and warrants directed to be issued for payment of same:

Name.		Office.		Fund.	Amt.
Richard Caples,	691	Mayor's salary for June, 1890.		General	100 "
J.P. Dieter,	692	Alderman, 1st Ward		General	25 "
W.B. Merrick	693	" "		"	25 "
Dan Kelly	694	" 2d "		"	25 "
Jas. W. Magoffin	695	" "		"	25 "
M.B. Davis,	696	" 3d "		"	25 "
H.M. Kingsbury,	697	" "		"	25 "
Louis Palm,	698	" 4th "		"	25 "
A. Soloman,	699	" "		"	25 "
W.M. Coldwell,	700	City Recorder,		"	125 "
Leigh Clarke,	701	" Attorney,		"	125 "
Charles W. Fassett	702	" Treasurer,		"	50 "
J.L. Camphell,	703	" Engineer,		"	83 34
W.M. Yandell,	704	" Health Physician,		"	135 "
S.C. Lyons,	705	" Chief of Police,		"	150 "
				Total	968 34
Angel Torres,	262	Keeper, Pest House.		Special	30 "
Geo. E. Boree,	263	City Clerk,		"	125 "
Chas. B. Dowd,	264	Captain of Police,		"	100 "
Jas. F. Martin	259	Policeman	13 days	"	32 50
R.B. Stevens,	260	"	13 "	"	32 50
John B. Saunders,	258	"	13 "	"	32 50
E. Ed. Kullman	261½	"	16 "	"	40 "
Teodoro Rivenell,	261	"	17 "	"	20 "
Santiago Alvarado	265	"	17 "	"	42 50
C.R. Kelly,	266	"		"	75 "
J.W. Johnson,	267	"		"	75 "
Harry Walton,	268	"	16 days,	"	40 "
E.G. Litterloh,	269	"	17 "	"	42 50
C.R. Kenetis,	270	"	17 "	"	42 50
J.H. Boone,	271	"	17 "	"	42 50
J.M. Kime,	272	"	14 "	"	35 "
				Total.	807 50
M.C. McClennon.	70	Sewer Commissioner,		Sewer Fund	75 "
W.J. Colwell,	71	" Pump Engineer		"	90 "
				Total.	165 "

Recapitulation

General Fund,	968.34
Special "	807.50
Sewer "	165.00
	1940.84

Insurance Agents
EL PASO, TEXAS.
ALLEN BLACKER
Attorney at Law
Office rooms 4 and 5 up stairs
Chicago new
Court. building

Regular Meeting, June 27th Continued.

Streets and Grades Committee.

Chairman Solomon of the Streets and Grades Committee asked further time to report on the petition to grade St. Louis Street and the petition to sprinkle El Paso and St. Louis streets. Granted.

The committee recommended that the Sewer Flush Tank on Texas street be raised to the street grade. On motion the sewer commissioner was instructed to raise the Sewer flush tank to the proper grade.

Acequia Committee.

Chairman Merrick of the Acequia com. reported in favor of a new ordinance governing the public acequia be adopted making it the duty of the assessor and collector to collect the water rates, and that a penalty be imposed upon those who use the water without paying for the same.

On motion of Alderman Merrick the city attorney was directed to prepare such an ordinance.

Communications

A communication from F. E. Hunter informing the Council that the "Sun Vapor Light Co." of Canton, Ohio are desirous of making a bid for lighting the streets of El Paso, was read and referred to the Fire and Water and Street Lighting Committee.

A communication from W. B. McLachlen, Executor of the estate of George Baggs asking the council to issue a warrant for the sum of $49.38 in place of one for that amount, issued to said Baggs under date of August 5th, 1887, the original having been lost.

On motion of Alderman Papin the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication from H. B. Barnhart asking payment for expenses incurred in filing the suit of the City of El Paso, vs J. A. Ashford, in the Supreme Court at Austin.

On motion of Alderman Papin the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The petition of discharged policemen, read at the last meeting of the council, was again presented with additional signers. Counsellor Hague requested to be heard in behalf of the policemen.

On a call of the roll Mr Hague was granted permission to address the council by the following vote: Yeas, Davis, Dieter, Kingsbury, and Merrick, 4. Nays, Kelly, Magoffin Papin and Solomon 4. The tie vote was decided by the Mayor voting Yea.

Counsellor Hage then addressed addressed the council briefly.

On motion of Alderman Papin the police petition was tabled by the following vote: Yeas, Davis, Kelly Kingsbury, Magoffin, Papin and Solomon, 6. Nays, Dieter and Merrick. 2.

Unfinished Business.

On motion of Alderman Davis the Mayor's message vetoing the appropriation of $500. for music in the plaza, was laid over a week longer.

New Business.

On motion of Alderman Merrick the Council adjourned to Saturday, June 28th 1890, at 8 p.m.

Approved

G. E. Boyce,
City Clerk.

Richard Caples Mayor.

Adjourned Regular Meeting, June 28, 1890.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The city council met pursuant to adjournment, at 8 p.m., Saturday, June 28, 1890. Present: Mayor Richard Coples and the following aldermen: Davis, Dieter, Kelly, Magoffin, and Pakin, 5. Absent: Kingsbury, Mericke and Solomon, 3.

The following petition was presented and read:

To the Honorable City Council. El Paso, Texas, June 28th, 1890.

Gentlemen: Your petitioner, Mrs Annie E. Dieter would represent that by an order of your body, of date 1890, the property owners on Upson Avenue were required to lay a tar and gravel pavement in front of their premises on said avenue: That she owns one hundred and ninety feet (190') on said avenue, and there is at present a good and substantial board sidewalk in front of her premises where the aforesaid order or resolution requires that a new pavement of a different material be laid: That the aforesaid board walk is at grade and in every way answers the purpose which the new pavement would answer: That the expense of the present board walk has been great and the present board walk is not worn out and the expense of laying a new pavement would be, at the present time, very much of a burden, and a great inconvenience to your petitioner. Wherefore she respectfully asks that for the present the pavement, as it exists, be declared sufficient, and that she be excepted from the order aforesaid. (Signed) Mrs Annie E. Dieter.

On motion of Alderman Pakin the petition was granted.

The City attorney presented the following ordinance which was read and on a call of the roll adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Davis, Dieter, Kelly, Magoffin, Pakin and Solomon, 6, being a two thirds vote of all the members elected. Noes, none

No. 17-X

An Ordinance

Levying a Tax to create a Sinking Fund and pay interest on the Public School Bonds Authorized by Ordinance No. 18, Approved January 20, 1890.

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

Section 1. That for the purpose of creating a sinking fund for the payment of the "Public School Bonds" authorized by Ordinance No. 18, Approved January 20th, 1890, and to make the regular semi-annual payments of interest on said bonds, there shall be levied and collected on all the real and personal property situated within the limits of the City of El Paso, the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars, ($2400.00) annually, until said bonds and interest are fully paid.

Section 2. That for the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety, (1890) there shall be and is hereby levied, on all the real and personal property situated within the limits of the City of El Paso, a tax of five cents on each one hundred dollars ($100.) valuation, which tax shall be collected the same as other taxes, and paid into the Treasury to the credit of the Public School Bond Sinking and Interest fund.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

attest: E. E. Lovee, City Clerk. Approved June 28th, 1890. Richard Coples Mayor

The City Attorney presented the following Ordinance, which was read, and on a call of the roll was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Davis, Dieter, Kelly, Magoffin, Pakin, and Solomon, 6, being a two thirds vote of all the members elected, Noes, none.

No. 18-X

An Ordinance

Levying a Tax to create a Sinking Fund and pay Interest on the Funded Indebtedness Bonds Authorized by Ordinance No. 19, Approved January 20, 1890.

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

Section 1. That for the purpose of creating a Sinking fund for the payment of the "funded indebtedness bonds" authorized by ordinance No. 19, Approved January 20th, 1890, and to make the regular semi-annual payments of interest upon said bonds, there shall be levied and collected on all the real and personal property situated within the corporate limits of the city of El Paso, the sum of one thousand, six hundred dollars ($1,600.) annually, until said bonds and interest are fully paid.

Section 2. That for the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety, (1890) there shall be and is hereby levied, on all the real and personal property situated within the corporate limits of the City of El Paso, a tax of three cents on each one hundred dollars ($100.) valuation, which tax shall be collected the same as other taxes, and paid into the treasury to the credit of the Funded Indebtedness Bond Sinking and Interest fund.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

attest E. E. Lovee, City Clerk. Approved June 28th, 1890 Richard Coples Mayor

Alderman Kingsbury came in and answered to his name.

Adjourned Meeting Saturday, June 28th, 1890.

The City Attorney in compliance with request of the council of June 27th, reported the following ordinance, which was adopted on a call of the roll, by the following vote: Yeas, Davis, Dieter, Kelly, Kingsbury, Magoffin, Papin and Solomon, 7. Nays none, Absent, W. B. Merrick.

No. 27 An Ordinance

Relating to the Public Acequia in the City of El Paso, the use of the Waters from said Acequia, the prices to be paid therefor, etc., etc.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso,

Section I. That the office of Acequia Commissioner be, and the same is hereby created.

Section II. That the City Council may, at such time as it may deem advised, appoint an Acequia Commissioner, who shall hold his office at the will of the City Council; and the said Acequia Commissioner shall receive such salary, or compensation, as the City Council may prescribe at the time of his appointment.

Section III. It shall be the duty of said Acequia Commissioner, or Assessor, and Collector, to make complaints against all persons who use the water of the Acequia in violation of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section IV. That the following annual tax, or rates, are hereby imposed upon, and shall be collected from the consumers of water of said acequia, viz:

For each lot of land, 26 × 120 feet, (4 or less lots to one person)	1 50
For each lot of land, 26 × 120 feet, (5 to 10 lots to one person)	1 25
For each lot of land, 26 × 120 (11 to 20 lots to one person)	1 00
Lots of greater or less square feet, shall be paid for in proportion.	
Gardens, per acre,	5 00
Agricultural purposes, per acre,	2 00
Domestic purposes, for family of not more than five,	1 00
Domestic purposes, for family of over five,	2 00
For brick making, per thousand,	05
Laying bricks in walls, per thousand	02½
For making adobes, common size, per thousand,	25
For laying adobes in walls, per thousand,	15
For watering horses, cattle and asses, per head,	50
For watering sheep or goats, per head,	10
For all other purposes, per thousand gallons, (Amount to be estimated by the Acequia Commissioner, or the Assessor and Collector,	25

Provided, that the City Assessor and collector may, at any time, with the consent of the Acequia Committee, make special rates for the use of said water, per thousand gallons, for purposes, other than those specifically designated herein.

Section V. That the Acequia Commissioner shall have general charge and control of said public acequia, and it is made the duty of said Acequia Commissioner, or the City Assessor and Collector, to prosecute all persons using the waters of the acequia without first paying therefor, or without first complying with, or who shall in any manner violate any of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section VI. That it is hereby made the duty of the City Assessor and Collector (and for this purpose he is hereby authorized) to collect all money imposed as a tax or rate upon the consumers of said water; and upon receiving said money, the said Assessor and Collector shall execute and deliver to the consumer so paying, a receipt therefor, and said money, so received, shall be, at once, paid over to the City Treasurer, by him to be applied to the credit of the Acequia fund; and it is hereby made the duty of said Assessor and Collector to keep a receipt book, which shall be the property of the city, and which shall contain a duplicate of each receipt delivered to the consumers of the water of the said acequia.

Section VII. That it shall be unlawful for any person to take any water from said Acequia without first having paid the tax, or rate, herein imposed; and any person who shall, in any manner use, take from, or consume any water from said acequia, without first having paid such tax, or rate, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined any sum not less than one dollar, nor more than fifty dollars.

Section VIII. That it shall be unlawful for any person to cut said acequia for any purpose whatever, without first having obtained the permission of the City Assessor and collector, or Acequia Commissioner; and any person who shall cut said acequia, without having obtained said permission shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than one, nor more than fifty dollars.

Section IX. That it shall be unlawful for any person to place in said acequia any flood gate, or any obstruction whatever, or to place over said Acequia any structure or crossing, without first having obtained the permission of the City Assessor and Collector, or Acequia Commissioner; and any person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than one, nor more than fifty dollars.

Section X. That all Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, be, and the same are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Attest [signature] Dovee, City Clerk.

Approved June 28th, 1890

Richard Caples Mayor.

Published in the El Paso Daily Times (Official paper) ten days, commencing July 9th 1890.

Adjourned Meeting. June 28th A.D. 1890.

The following resolution was read and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That there shall be and is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the General fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Seven Hundred and fifty dollars ($750.) or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the interest on the Public School Bonds and the Funded Indebtedness Bonds, due on the 1st day of October, 1890.

Approved June 28th 1890.

Attest: G. A. Bovee, City Clerk.

Richard Cahles Mayor.

On motion of Alderman Dieker the Council decided in favor of allowing fire works in any and all parts of the city on the Fourth of July 1890, by the following vote:

Yeas: Dieker, Kingsbury, Kelly, and Magoffin. 4. Nays. Davis, Palm and Solomon. 3.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

G. A. Bovee, City Clerk.

Approved

Richard Cahles Mayor.

Special Meeting, Monday, July 7th 1890.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met at 8 p.m. Monday, July 7th 1890, pursuant to the following call.

To M. B. Davis, J. P. Dieker, Dan Kelly, N. M. Kingsbury, J. W. Magoffin, W. B. Merrick, Louis Palm and Adolphe Solomon, Aldermen of the City of El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:

To be held at — You, and each of you, are hereby notified to attend a Special Meeting of the City Council to be held at the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, the seventh (7th) day of July, 1890, at 8 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of considering proposals in reference to the purchase of the El Paso City "Water Works Bonds", and for the transaction of such other business as may be considered important.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of El Paso, this, the seventh (7th) day of July, A. D. 1890.

Attest. (Signed) G. A. Bovee, City Clerk. (Signed) Richard Cahles, Mayor.

On a call of the roll the following members answered to their names: Mayor Richard Cahles, and Aldermen Davis, Dieker, Kelly, Kingsbury, Merrick and Solomon, 6. Absent, Magoffin and Solomon, 2.

On motion of Alderman Davis the Special Committee on Artesian Water was authorized to negotiate for the sale of the El Paso City Water Works Bonds, subject to the approval of the Council, and to have the same lithographed and printed ready for delivery.

On motion of Alderman Davis a warrant on the General fund was ordered for the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars ($115.00) in favor of the "Texas Printing and Lithographic Co." of Fort Worth, for printing the "Public School" and "Funded Indebtedness" bonds.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Merrick the Council Adjourned.

Approved

Richard Cahles Mayor.

G. A. Bovee, City Clerk