Regular Meeting Thursday June 3rd 1897.

Council Chamber, City Hall

El Paso Texas, June 3rd 1897.

The City Council met in regular session at 8 O'clock P.M. Thursday June 3" 1897, with Mayor Magoffin presiding and the following Aldermen present: Brunner, Burton Clifford, Coldwell, Del Buono, Robinson, Scott and Whitmore. The minutes of May 20th 27th 28th and 29th 1897, were read by the Clerk, and on motion duly made and carried were approved as read.

Reports from City Officers.

City Atty Excused for 1 Week.

City Attorney Kemp asked to be excused from attendance at the next meeting of the Council. Moved and seconded that the request be granted. motion carried.

Pay Roll for Month May 1897.

Pay Roll for May

To the Hon City Council. El Paso Texas June 3" 1897

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the City Pay Roll for the month of May 1897 for your approval as follows, to wit:

Name	Office	Time	Amt	Cash
Joseph Magoffin	Mayor	1 Month	75 00	
James Clifford	Ald. 1st Ward	1 "	25 00	
E. C. Scott	" 1" "	1 "	25 00	
J. W. B. Burton	" 2" "	1 "	25 00	
Frank Del Buono	" 2" "	1 "	25 00	
A. M. Robinson	" 3rd "	1 "	25 00	
J. L. Whitmore	" 3" "	1 "	25 00	
W. M. Coldwell	" 4th "	1 "	25 00	
John Brunner	" 4" "	1 "	25 00	
J. E. Townsend	City Attorney	1 day	4 05	
Wyndham Kemp	" "	30 "	120 95	
C. W. Fassett	" Treasurer	1 Month	50 00	
Alward White	" Physician	14 days	38 40	
C. T. Race	" "	17 "	46 60	
Geo. C. Wimberly	" Engineer	1 Month	100 00	
" " "	Sewer Comr	24 days	19 35	
Ed. Wales	Street Commissioner	24 "	58 15	
" "	Feed Zoo Zoo	1 Month	7 50	
M. C. McGlennon	St & Sewer Comr	7 days	22 55	
C. B. Patterson	City Recorder	1 Month	100 00	
J. T. Nesan	" Scavenger	9 days	2 92½	
Harry Charman	" "	22 "	7 07½	852 58 Gen'l fund script
B. S. Cattin	City Clerk	1 Month		147 05
H. R. Hillebrand	Chief Police	1 "		147 05
T. A. Bundy	Capt "	1 "		105 90
John Denniston	Policeman	1 "		83 35
J. M. Kennie	"	17 days		45 17
J. B. Chipman	"	1 Month		83 35
Joe Fernandis	"	6 days		18 21
C. E. Jones	"	15 "		39 85
Frank Tuston	City Jailor	3 "		5 70
Geo. Herold	Police (Mounted)	1 Month		93 35
J. E. Archer	"	1 "		83 35
P. M. Kehoe	"	1 day		2 65
J. F. Winkler	"	1 Month		83 35
J. L. Faylor	"	1 "		83 35
Carl Schmidt	"	1 "		78 91
Geo. Barrett	"	20 days		53 13
J. W. Johnson	"	25 "		66 41
Juan Franco	Mounted Police	25 "		85 29
John Saunders	City Jailor	25 "		47 42
Jesus Mendoza	Special Police	5½ "		14 60
Maring Clements	" "	6 "		15 94
Frank Carr	" "	5 "		13 29
J. C. Preston	Mounted "	2 "		5 31
Patrick Vela	Special "	1 "		2 65
Dick Blacker	" "	½ "		1 32

Total $2258.49

Respectfully Submitted
B. S. Cattin City Clerk

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Moved and second that the payroll be approved, and that the City Clerk be authorized and instructed to draw warrants on the City Treasurery to pay the same. Motion carried.

Finance Committee.

Chairman Clifford of the above Committee recommended the payment of the following bills.

Weekly Pay Roll. Street Commissioner	$12.00
Mrs A. Wagner. Feeding City Prisoners in May	37.65
Salaries for May. 2 Men at Sewer Pump Station. Engineers	186.00

Bill Whitmore cash advanced a/c Levee

Alderman Whitmore's bill for cash advanced for work done on levee was ordered paid out of an appropriation to be hereafter made, the bill amounting to $258.00.

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Finance Committee on the above bills be carried out and the clerk authorized to draw warrants to pay the same. Motion carried

The following communication was read by Chairman Clifford of the Finance Committee who recommended the payment of the same.

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Communication C.W. Fassett for Warrant to pay Int.

Hon James Clifford, Chm.
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir: Please have issued the following warrants on Real Estate fund to cover interest I have paid the Electric Light & Power Co: On General fund warrant No 1475, paid May 19th $30.65
" " " " No 1497 " May 24th $30.63

Very Respectfully
C. W. Fassett, City Treas

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be carried out and the clerk authorized to draw the warrant. Motion carried.

Chairman Clifford asked for further time in which to report upon the amount that the City owed the School Board on the Merrill property. On motion further time was granted.

Bills Communications Notices etc

The Clerk presented quite a number of bills against the city, which was by motion referred to the Finance Committee without reading

Pet T. B. Delaney to open 3rd St.

A communication from T. B. Clardy was read by the Clerk in which he offered to allow the City to open up

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3rd Street between the alley and El Paso Street upon the payment to him by the City of $50.00 for a strip 20 feet wide. running East from El Paso Street to the alley. Moved and seconded the the proposition be referred to the Street and Grade Committee. Motion carried.

Chanman N.B. put granted to build frame Shed

A petition was read by the Clerk from Harry Chanman asking permission to red a frame shed at the Corner of Leon and Second Streets. Moved and seconded that the petition be referred to the Fire and Water Committee Motion Carrid

Fire Dept. Pay Roll granted

The Clerk read a requisition from the Secretary of the El Paso Fire Department asking that the Monthly pay roll for the Employees for the month of May 1897, amounting to $470.00 cash or $546.40 be allowed. Moved and seconded that the request be granted and the Clerk be instructed to draw a warrant on the Gneral fund for $546.40 to pay the employees of the Fire Department. Motion carried.

Proposition El P. G. E. L. & P. Co. to light City Hall

A proposition from the El Paso Gas Electric Light & Power Co. to furnish lights in City offices also the Fire Dept. was read by the Clerk and on motion the proposition was referred to the Fire and water Committee.

Bond, official J.R. Blacker

The Clerk presented and read the Official Bond of J. R. Blacker for $500.00 as City Jailor with J.D. Choate A. Blacker and Z. B. Clardy as Sureties. Moved and seconded that the bond of J. R. Blacker be approved Motion carried.

A Communication was read from T. R. Hustis of Deming N. M. donation $10.00 to the flood sufferers. Moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended Mr Hustis. for the donation. Motion carried.

Communication W.A. Gage of Memphis

A Communication from W. A. Gage Chairman of the Citizens Relief Committee of Memphis Tennessee offering assistance to the flood sufferers was read by the Clerk On motion duly made and carried the communication was referred to the Mayor with power to act, and a vote of thanks extended to Mr Gage for his kind offer.

A Communication from Shelbyville Ill. donating $10.00

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was read and referred to the Ladies Aid Society.

$5000.00 appropriated by State Texas for flood sufferers $10,000.00 by US Congress

The Clerk read a telegram dated at Austin to Mayor Magoffin from Senator W. W. Turney stating that the State Legislature had passed a bill appropriation $5000.00 for the flood sufferers, Also a telegram from John A. Stephens an Congressman stating that Congress had appropriated $10,000.00 for the flood sufferers.

On motion of Alderman Coldwell the Mayor was authorized to write to the Texas Senators and representatives in Congress expressing the thanks of the people of El Paso for their prompt aid, and on motion of Alderman Brunner the Mayor was also requested to return thanks to the Governor and the members of the Texas legislature. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

Report Capt. Police on St. Lights

Capt Bendy of the Police force reported to the Council that the electric lights were turned off all over the City at 3 o'clock in the mornings. On motion duly made and carried the matter was referred to the Fire and Water Committee.

Mayor Magoffin stated to the Council that the lines on St. Vrain Street had broken during the afternoon and that he put men to work to stop the break, and on account of threats to cut the line in that part of the City he had placed the policemen on duty there. He stated that the Texas and Pacific had rebuilt its embankment no doubt, under the impression, that all danger was over. But the danger he said, was not over, and that he had men watching at every weak point. On motion the action of the Mayor was approved.

$300.00 borrowed from Bank ap. Work on Lines

Alderman Burton stated to the Council that himself and Alderman Clifford had borrowed $300.00 from the bank to pay off laborers on the lines, and that it would need quite as sum more to pay for work already done and to be done.

$300.00 appropriated ap. Lines

Move and seconded that $1300.00 be appropriated to defray expenses of the work done on the lines, or so much thereof as is necessary and that $300.00 of the $1300.00 be given to Alderman Burton and Clifford to re-imburse them for the $300.00 borrowed from the bank. Motion carried.

Mayor Magoffin stated that the railroads running into the

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City might be willing to join hands with the City and extend the levee from Stanton Street on down the river. He believed it might be managed to make available the $5000.00 appropriated by the State to build the levee by employing the homeless to do the work

Mayor added to Special on Levee

Moved and seconded that the Mayor be added and made Chairman of the Committee appointed on arrangements to construct a levee from Stanton Street down the river, and that the Committee call upon the railroad and see what could be done. Motion carried

Loomis to lease city property on Utah St.

Moved and seconded that A. M. Loomis be authorized to lease the property owned by the City on Utah Street for one year at not less than sixty five ($65.00) dollars per month Motion carried.

There being no further business the Council by motion duly made and carried adjourned.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor.

B. S. Catlin
City Clerk

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Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso, Texas, June 10th 1897

The City Council met in regular session on the above date at 8 o'clock P.M. with Mayor Magoffin presiding and the following Aldermen answering to roll call: Brunner, Burton, Clifford Coldwell, Del Bosque, Robinson Scott and Whitmore.

The minute of a regular meeting held June 3rd 1897 were read and approved without correction.

Reports from City Officers

Chief Hillebrand reported that Mexicans were erecting little wooden shanties within the Fire limits.

The matter of allowing the Mexicans to rebuild their shanties and the location as to where they should build was discussed by the Council, and on motion the matter was referred to the Building Committee.

Report of A & C for May 1897 Referred.

The report of the Assessor & Collector for the month May 1897 showing Taxes collected by him during said month amounting to $2555.35 from tax rolls of 1892, 93, 95 and 96, also Occupation taxes for said month was presented, and on motion duly made and carried was referred to the Taxation Committee.

Police Committee

Report of Chief Police May 1897

Chairman Burton of the above Committee presented and read the report of the Chief of Police for the month of May 1897 showing fines collected by him for said month as follows:

Fines imposed		$1021.50
" Collected	$901.50	
" Served	75.00	
" Not Collected	12.00	
" Escaped	33.00	
Total.	$1021.50	$1021.50

Settlement by City Treasurer Receipts for $901.50

Moved and seconded that the report be received and filed. Motion carried.

Street and Grade Committee

Petition L.B. Cardy for further time given

Chairman Whitmore of the above Committee asked for further time in which to report upon the Petition of L.B. Cardy relative to opening up 3rd Street. On motion further time was granted.

Ordinance and Rule Committee

Chairman Coldwell offered the following Resolution:

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Resolution accepting sale of Utah property

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso. That the City of El Paso accepts the proposition of J. Keating to buy the house and premises adjacent on Utah Street in said City deeded to it by L. F. Murill, and the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute to said Keating a good and sufficient deed to said premises, containing the usual clause of warranty on payment of purchase money, to wit: the sum of Three thousand dollars.

Moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

Finance Committee.

May bills allowed

Chairman Clifford of the above Committee recommended the payment of the following bills.

Fassett & Kelly	Mdse for Sewer Pump station	12	45
" "	" " " Street Commissioner	5	50
" "	" " " City Hall		75
" "	" " " Sewer Pump station	4	35
" "	" Street Com. & City Eng. for Lime	4	97
" "	" Shovels & Wheelbarrows " "	28	00
" "	" Mdse for City Hall	9	20
C. C. Tanner & Bro	" " " Lime	39	75
Huntz Bros	" 260 sacks for Lime	150	00
H. P. Noake	" Opening Ballot box & making a Key	1	50
H. B. Charman	" Catching & Killing 112 dogs in May	56	00
Ice & Refg Co	" Ice for City Hall for May 1675 lbs	10	05
J. B. Watson	" Groceries for Pest house	5	97
El Paso Trans. Co.	" hire of saddle horse 3 a/c high water	6	00
C. G. Sutton	" Twine for Lime	15	00
El Paso G. E. L. & P. Co.	" Gas for City Hall in May	31	25
" " " " " "	" " " Sewer Pump station 10 months	255	00
" " " " " "	" 50 arc Lamps for Street lighting	625	00
Rio Grande Pharmacy	" Drugs for City Patients April & May	11	210
Francisco Saraia	" Caring for Small Pox patient at Pest house	35	00
El Paso Time	" 2000 letter heads & printing 202 line City Trans	11	02
El Paso Water Co.	" 55 Hydrants May	264	45
" " " "	" 18 Flush tanks "	90	00
" " " "	" Water used in St Sprinkling May	240	00
" " " "	" " " Sewer Station Smelter Road & City Hall	22	31
O'Brien Coal Co.	" 100 sacks for Lime		700
Kelly & Pallard	" Drugs for City Patients	17	15
H. M. Hood	" putting in bells for Fire Dept.		52 00
D. Mackenzie	" Rent of City Hall June	125	00
Burton Lingo & Co.	" Lumber for Street & Sidewalk repairing	60	60
El Paso Foundry & Mch. Co	" Stash weights		162
Star Stable	" hire of horse a/c high water	85	25
Adolph Solomon	" Sprinkling streets April & May	480	00
T. H. Burnette	" Repairing tools for City in May		240
Longwells Trans. Co.	" Hauling sacks a/c Lime		100
El Paso Trans Co	" 80 sacks " "		400
" " Fuel "	" 225 " " "	112	5
John Molinary	" Groceries for Pest house		645
Morning Telegraph	" 70 sacks a/c Lime		850
T. H. Springer	" one Gallon Jugs		35
Buchanan & Powers	" 2 sacks Shoing		40
P. L. Buquor	" 2 Coil Springs Sewer Pump		100
C. C. Morshead	" 2 trips hauling apparatus to Fire		400
M. C. Meehan	" 3 " " " " "		600
M. Giesberg	" 143 sacks for Lime		858
Lee Robinson	" 2 trips hauling apparatus to fire		400
Joe Duper	" 1 " " " " "		200
H. J. Hopping	" 1 " " " " "		200
S. L. Hughes	" Repairing harness for Fire Dept		575
J. J. Sullivan	" hauling apparatus to fire		200
Chas. T. Slack & Co	" 2 Gross Matches		120
Mechem Payne & Co	" Feed for horses for fire Dept April	49	63
C. G. Sutton	" Oats & Bran for Feed "	10	70
Neil McMillian	" Shoeing horses " "	12	75
Fassett & Kelly	" Mdse for " "	36	08
Jim Bu	" Labor on Lime	23	00
El Paso Brokerage & Com Co.	" 426 sack for Lime	35	86

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Palace Drugs & News	For Kindling wood for Fire Dept		2 00
Louis Gasser	" Opening Maine line of Sewer		16 00
McCutcheon Payne & Co	" 470 sacks for Levee		23 10
Momsen & Thome	" 1 Globe valve		25
Louis Gasser	" Work done for Fire Dept & Sewer Pump		11 85
Chas Leonisky	" 6 months Int. on Fair Ground Note		125 00
Buchanan & Powers	" 8 hand borrows		8 00
J. L. Whitmore	" Cash advanced a/c labor for Levee		47 25
Joseph Fernandis	" Work on Levee		27 00
R. B. Bias,	" 106 Empty Sacks for Levee		3 18
J. A. Escajedo	" Cost in Dist Court in Case City vs Good		13 15
A. R. Lucero	" 2 trips to pest house a/c Small Pox case		3 00
Waters Pierce Oil Co.	" 2 Gal. Oil for Fire Dept		2 60
Geo. W. Gaimnie	" labor and cash advance a/c Levee		148 00
Smiths Creamery	" 700 Sack " "		28 00
El Paso Fuel Co.	" 350 " " "		17 50
Ketelsen & Degetau	" 2100 " " "		252 00
Steffian Krakauer Co.	" 9 Wheelbarrows 6 doz Shovels & Twine		66 40
Street Commissioners Pay Roll.			12 00
Taking Census at Old Fort Bliss & City a/c Flood Sufferers			22 00
	Total		

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be carried out, and that the Clerk be instructed to draw warrants on the City Treasury to pay the bills. Motion carried

A bill of Mr Ballinger for hire of team for one day on account of work on the levee at the head of the canal was referred back to Mr Ballinger on account of not being O.K. by any person authorized to contract said bill.

The Mayor stated to the Council that he had contracted a debt of $22.00 for taking the Census of the flood sufferers. Moved and seconded that the Mayors action be approved and a warrant for $22.00 be drawn. Motion carried.

Chairman Clifford submitted the following statement:

Statement of Expenses a/c Levee

El Paso Texas June 9th 1897

Statement showing amount paid for labor and other incidental expenses on a/c of high water May 29" to June 9" (1.30 P.M.) 1897

May	29	To Amts paid laborers as per Roll No 1	1121 65	
June	4	" " " Whitmores Men	125 00	
		" " " Laborers as per Roll No 2	84 25	
		" " " " " " " " 3	252 00	
		" " " " " " " " 4	346 00	
		" " " " " " " " 5	21 00	
		" " " Whitmore for labor at mouth canal	258 00	
		" Sundries, Men on little book, by order of Mayor & not on Roll	12 80	
May	29	By Scrip issued $750.00 sold at 90 cents on the dollar		675 00
"	"	" " " 500.00 " " 85 " " " "		425 00
June	4	" " " 500.00 " " 87 " " " "		435 00
"	"	" " " 500.00 " " 87 " " " "		435 00
		" " " 300.00 " " 87 " " " "		261 00
		Balance	10 30	
			2231 00	2231 00
June	9	To Bal C.O.H. 1.30 P.M. June 9" 1897.	10 30	

Signed

James Clifford

Chairman Auditing Committee.

Moved and seconded that that the above statement be approved and filed. Motion carried.

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Chairman Clifford for the Finance Committee submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and City Council,

Gentlemen:- Your committee appointed to ascertain amount due the School Fund from the sale, and rental of the property turned over by L. F. Merrill in settlement of his defalcation to the City- beg leave to report as follows:

Report of Finance Committee City's Indebt to School fund

1st. We find the total amount realized from the sale of said property, including rent, Interest and notes to be $10275.28.

2nd. That the average levy for the four years covering the time of said Merrills defalcation was $1.67 on the $100.00, and the average levy for the maintenance of the Public Schools for the same time was 40¢ on the $100.00 Dollars.

Therefore, we find the amount due the school fund to be 40/1.67 of the amount realized Viz: $2461.26/100 less the $1000.00 already transferred leaving a balance due due the School fund of $1461.26, which amount we recommend to be turned over to the school fund.

(Signed) James Clifford
Chairman Finance Committee

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be carried out. Motion carried.

Fire and Water Committee

Chairman Brunner for the above Committee recommended that the City Council accept the proposition of the El Paso Electric Light Co. to light the City Hall by electric lights- recommending the distribution of lights as follows: Council room 4, Fire Dept. reading room 5, Hall 1, Clerks office 2 Engineer Office 2 Assessor & Collectors office 2, Fire Dept down stairs 4 Chiefs & Jail 1. making a cost to the City for lights $16.00 per month. Moved and seconded the recommendation of the Committee be carried out. Motion carried.

Electric lights recom. put in City Hall

Rec'd

Bills, Communications Notices, etc.

The Clerk read a communication from H. B. Stevens notifying the Council that he was the owner of two certain claims of A. B. McKie against the City, one for $162.35 and $31.50 for publishing citations in connections with delinquent taxes and asking a settlement of the same. Moved and seconded that the Communication be referred to the Finance Committee in conjunction with the City Attorney. Motion carried.

Claim of A. B. McKie transferred to H. B. Stevens

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Fire Dept. asks for Map of Fire Plugs

The Clerk read a Communication from Santey Bevan A. T. Sanworth and J. J. Connors a Committee from the Fire Dept. asking the Council to furnish the Dept. with a map showing the location of all fire hydrants throughout the City, and to have the City Engineer to examine the paid men of the Department once a month, as to their knowledge of their location. Moved and seconded that the request be granted. Motion carried.

The Clerk read quite a tengthy Communication from H. M. Mundy relative to building a levee along the Rio Grande. On motion the Communication was received and ordered filed

A petition from B. M. Lerma asking permission to erect a frame house on Stanton Street, between 5th and 6th streets was read by the Clerk and on motion was referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

City Recorder Patterson granted leave of absence

City Recorder C. B. Patterson asked for a thirty days leave of absence from and after the 10th day of June 1897. Moved and seconded that the request of City Recorder Patterson be granted. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the Council proceed to the Election of a City Recorder during C. B. Patterson's absence. Motion carried.

G. E. Wallace Elected City Recorder

Geo. E. Wallace was put in nomination, and there being no further nominations, the Council proceeded to ballot for the Election of a City Recorder which resulted in Geo. E. Wallace receiving (8) eight votes, whereupon the Mayor declared Geo. E. Wallace duly elected City Recorder during the absence of Recorder C. B. Patterson

Requisition Chief Police for supplies

Chief of Police Hellibrand asked to be furnished with the following supplies for the Police Department: 1/2 doz wrist Nippers 1/2 doz Police whistles, 10 Police Stars, 1/2 Gross Police Vest buttons 1/2 Gross Coat Police buttons, 1 Doz memorandum books. Moved and seconded that the request be granted. Motion carried.

Extra wagon to work on Streets

Alderman Whitmore recommended that and extra team and wagon be put to work on the Streets. On motion it was so ordered. There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved Joseph Magoffin Mayor.

B. S. Cactus, City Clerk

Special Meeting Tuesday June 15th 1897.

Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso Texas, June 15th 1897.

The City Council met pursuant to a call from the Mayor at 8 o'clock P.M. June 15th 1897, with Mayor Magoffin presiding and the following aldermen present: Brunner, Burton Clifford, Coldwell, Del Buono, Scott and Whitmore 7. Absent Alderman Robinson.

The Clerk read the following call.

Mayors Office, City Hall
El Paso Texas June 15th 1897.

To John Brunner, J.B.W. Burton, James Clifford, W.M. Coldwell Frank Del Buono, A.M. Robinson, Ed C. Scott and J.L. Whitmore Aldermen. Gentlemen:- You and each of you are hereby notified that there will be a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas, to be held at the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 8 o'clock P.M. Tuesday June 15th 1897, for the purpose of devising the best ways and means of distributing and disbursing the appropriation which have been made to the flood sufferers of our City.

Given under my hand and seal of the City of El Paso, Texas, this 15th day of June 1897. (signed) Joseph Magoffin
(Seal) Attest Mayor of El Paso Texas
B. S. Catlin, City Clerk.

The matter of rendering assistance to Capt. Davis was discuss by the Council, and on motion duly made and carried the Mayor was authorized to appoint two, or more Special Police if necessary to assist Capt. Davis in the distribution of the supplies furnished by the U.S. Government.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved B. S. Catlin
Joseph Magoffin City Clerk.
Mayor.

Regular Meeting Thursday June 17th 1897.

Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso Texas June 17" 1897.

The City Council met in regular session at 8 o'clock P.M. Thursday June 17" 1897. with Mayor Magoffin presiding and the following aldermen answering to roll call; Brunner Burton Clifford Caldwell, Del Buono, Robinson, Scott and Whitmore. The minutes of a regular meeting held June 10" 1897, were read and on motion duly made and carried were approved as read.

Reports from City Officers

Chief of Police Hillebrand reported that the water closets in the City Jail was in need of repairs. On motion the Mayor was authorized to have the necessary repairs made.

Finance Committee.

Bills allowed Chairman Clifford of the Finance Committee recommended the payment of the following bills:

Holland & Rhinhimer	Lumber for Levee	14 43
S.S. Mendenhall	Teams & scrapers & labor on Levee	21 50
O.G. Dix	Cash advanced for labor " "	1 87½
G.W. Davis	Brass pipe Bldg, Bib & labor	3 00
Primitivo Flores	Work done on levee	2 00
Holland & Rhinhimer	Building horse shed for Fire Dept	10 35
C.C. Ballinger	Hire of team one day on levee	3 00
W.H. Tuttle	5 lbs whiting	25
El Paso Foundry & Mchs. Co.	Machine work on Fire Engine	2 00
O.G. Stulon	Horse feed for May Fire Dept	55 95
H.F. Bloom	Repairing oil cans " "	1 55
Rio Grande Pharmacy	Drugs " "	1 35
El Paso Times	Printing fire lines " "	50
Neil McMillian	Shoeing horses " " May	11 25
Joseph Fernandes	Lumber used on levee	14 95
Payne, Badger Coal Co.	½ ton Coal " "	4 00
Fassett & Kelly	Cash advanced for hauling on a/c Levee	3 00
Geo Wimberly	Work done on sewer,	23 00

Street Commissioners Weekly pay roll 38.80

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be carried out and warrants drawn to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Action of Mayor approp in drawing warrants Mayor Magoffin called the attention of the Council to the fact that they had failed to make any appropriation to pay the laborers for work done on the levee for the past week and that he had taken the liberty of drawing warrants on the City Treasurer to the amount of $275.00, also that he had sent on old man to to San Antonio Texas, at the expense of the City, and asked that the Council approved of his action in the matter. Moved and seconded that the Mayors action be approved. Motion carried.

Mayor Magoffin stated to the Council that Mrs Heiderhoff who was a very old lady had lost all she had by the flood

Mayor authorized to Lady to San Antonio

and had asked to be sent to San Antonio at the Expense of the City. Moved and seconded that the Mayor be authorized to send Mrs Heidenhoff to San Antonio. at the expense of the City. Motion carried.

Building Committee.

Chairman Del Bueno, for the above Committee submitted the following report.

El Paso Texas June 17th 1897.

Report of Building Committee suspending Fire Limits ordinance

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council:

Your Building Committee beg leave to report regarding permission asked for by flood sufferers to erect frame houses, we recommend that the Fire Limits Ordinance be suspended for three months from date, those that have lost their homes be permitted to build frame houses East of Santa Fe, Street and South of Sixth Street to St. Vrain street, and the permission to build East of St. Vrain Street to the City limits, and West of Santa Fe Street, and south of Santa Fe excavation be left to the discretion of the Mayor and the Aldermen of the respective Wards.

(Signed) Frank Del Bueno
Chairman Building Committee.

Moved and seconded that the report and recommendation be adopted. Alderman Coldwell called for the vote on the adoption of the report, by roll call. which resulted as follows Ayes: Brunner, Burton, Lifford Del Bueno, Robinson and Whitmore. 6 Nays: Coldwell and Scott. 2. whereupon the Mayor declared the report adopted.

Taxation Committee.

Chairman Robinson was granted further time in which to make a report upon the report of the Assessor & Collector for May.

Fire and Water Committee.

Chairman Brunner reported that the Electric Light Co. wanted $2.00 per light for putting in the wires for Electric Lights and that he was opposed to paying the additional two dollars after some discussion over the matter of lights for the City Hall, Alderman Scott was appointed a Committee of one to employ a plumber to test the gas pipes and ascertain if there was any leaks to be found in the pipes.

Bills, Communications, Notices, etc

Protest of Max Weber & others

The Clerk read a protest signed by Max Weber, H. A. Carpenter, W. B. Trull and others protesting against the Mexicans building their shanties south of Fourth Street and East of

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Statement of A M Loomis

Santa Fe Street.

The Clerk read a report from A. M. Loomis as follows:

The City of El Paso in account with A. M. Loomis.

March	10	May Lewis to Feby 28		50 00
April	6	do " Mar 31		50 00
May	1	Tegmeyer " June 30		7 00
June	1	do " July 31		7 00
"	1	do 1/2 Davis bill		1 90
"	9	M. J. Keating a/c sale		300 00
"	11	May Lewis 2 mos to May 31		100 00
"	11	do " June 9		14 95
"	12	M. J. Keating bal per price		270 00
		~ Contra ~		
April	27	# 1114 Hart 1500 1 yr @ 2	30 00	
June	1	Bill, Davis	3 85	
"	11	" " & Co	9 95	
"	11	" Peg & Co	16 15	
"	12	Delinquent City Taxes ck J. H. Smith	41 40	
"	"	" County " " J. P. O'Conner	38 06	
"	9	Executing and drawing deed and Notary ack—	5 00	
"	12	Commission on rent collected	11 54	
"	"	" " Sale	150 00	
"	"	Check to bal Enclosed	292 45 5	
			323 08 5	323 08 5

Moved and seconded that the report be referred to the Building Committee. Motion carried.

A communication from H. M. Hood relative to a bill for putting in electric bells for the Fire Dept. was read by the clerk. On motion the communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

Communication Board Health relative to Sewer extension.

A communication from the Board of Health was read by the clerk, asking for an extension of a lateral sewer line from end of present line in the alley between South Stanton Street and Utah Street to Fourth Street, also a lateral line from Second Street to Fifth Street in the alley between Utah Street and South Oregon Street.

Moved and seconded that the communication be referred to the Street and Grade Committee. Motion carried.

Extra St. wagon ordered to clean up Alleys

It was moved and seconded and carried that the extra wagon employed by the city on street work devote two days of each week to cleaning out the alleys of the city.

proposition

The Mayor was authorized to have the city attorney prepare his in writer and submit the same to the Council, the proposition being relative to building the levee.

Alderman Scott was requested to get a writer proposition from his man relative to building the levee and submit the same to the Council.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved Joseph Magoffin Mayor

B. S. Catlin City Clerk

Regular Meeting Thursday June 24th 1897

Council Chambers, City Hall
El Paso Texas, June 24th 1897

The City Council met in regular session at 8 o'clock P.M. Thursday on the above date with Mayor Magoffin presiding and the following Aldermen answering to roll call; Brunner, Burton Clifford, Del Buono, Robinson, Scott and Whitmore. 7 Absent; Alderman Coldwell 1

Moved and seconded that Alderman Coldwell be excused from attendance of this meeting. Motion carried.

The minutes of of a Special meeting, the reading of the same was by motion dispensed with.

The minutes of a regular meeting held June 17th were read and approved.

Communications from the Mayor.

The Clerk read the following communication from Mayor Magoffin as follows, to wit:

El Paso, Texas, June 22nd 1897.

To the City Council of El Paso, Texas.

Communication Mayor relative to recommending Report of Building Committee to suspend Fire limits ordinance

Gentlemen: At a regular meeting of the City Council held June 17th 1897, you adopted a report of the Building Committee, in which report it was recommended that the Fire Limits Ordinance be suspended for three months to allow parties who had lost their houses to rebuild the same with lumber, South of Sixth Street and East of Santa Fe Street. On examination of the ordinance referred to I find, that, that portion of the City alluded to in said report is outside of all fire limits as prescribed in said Fire Limits Ordinance, and therefore anyone has a right to build a house out of such material as they may see fit, and I would therefore recommend, that the adoption of said report be reconsidered for the reason above stated, and for the further reason that the suspension of any ordinance, even for a limited time is a bad precedence to establish, and especially so when the suspension of an ordinance may create a vested right which cannot be divested when the ordinance becomes effective; and in as much as the suspension of said ordinance taken in connection with the whole of the report, can neither benefit or injure anyone desiring to build in that portion of the City especially designated and set forth in said report as aforesaid. I would respectfully ask that the adoption of said report be reconsidered.

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor of El Paso, Texas

☆ Chairman Whitmore was granted further time in which to report upon extension of latter ☆

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Report of Building Committee reconsidered

Moved and seconded that the request and recommendation of the Mayor relative to reconsidering the report of the Building Committee, be approved, and that the action of the Council in adopting said report be and the same is hereby reconsidered and of no force or effect. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of all members present.

The proposition of the Mayor to W.B. Trull Agt. of the A.T.&S.F. Railway Co. relative to the building of a levee along the river front, was read by the Clerk. No action was taken by the Council on the proposition.

Finance Committee

Chairman Clifford of the above Committee recommended the payment of the following bills:

C.R. Heller	150 sacks for Levee	7 50
William Martell	Work on Levee	30 00
Jugu Achoa	3/4 days work on Sewer	1 15
E Salcido	" " " " "	1 15
Manuel Rico	" " " " "	75
Martin Salcido	" " " " "	75
Juan Achoa	6 day work on Park	6 00
Angel Lopez	6 " " " Streets	6 00
Tomas "	6 " " " "	6 00
H.R. Stinkard	6 " " " " with wagon & team	14 10
Joseph Magoffin	Cash advanced to pay telegram to Austin	1 80

H M Hood to receive Cash for Bill for Fire Dept.

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be carried out and warrants drawn to pay said bills. Motion carried.

Chairman Clifford recommended that the warrant ordered drawn on the General fund to H. M. Hood for putting in bills for the Fire Department amounting to $52.00 be cancelled on the grounds that Mr Hood had refused to accept the General fund warrant because his bill called for cash, and recommended that another warrant be drawn for cash in favor of Mr Hood. Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be carried out. Motion carried.

Claim of A B McKie held over

Chairman Cliffor for the Finance Committee reported back the bill of A.B. McKie against the City for publishing Citations in delinquent tax suits.

Moved and seconded that the bill be laid over until the suits be decided. Motion carried.

Taxation Committee

Report of A & C approved

Chairman Robinson for the above Committee reported favorably upon the report of the Assessor & Collector for the month of May 1897, and recommended that the report

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be approved and filed. On motion it was so ordered.

Building Committee

Report of Building Com. on State of Loonis

Chairman Del Buono for the above Committee submitted the following report. El Paso Texas June 24th 1897.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council:

Your Committee to whom was referred the statement of A.M. Loonis, for rent and sale and expenses on City property, beg leave to report that we have examined the statement made by Loonis and find it correct and recommend that it be received and filed.

(Signed) Frank Del Buono
Chairman Building Committee

Moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Committee be carried out. Motion carried.

Special Committee

Alderman Scott appointed to have the gas pipes in the City Hall Building, tested reported that he was having the fixtures repaired. he had found no leaks in the pipes, and that he had employed Luis Gasser to do the work.

Meter ordered for upstairs City Hall

Alderman Scott was authorized to have the gas pipes so fixed as to admit of a meter being put in by the Gas Co., the meter to be placed up stairs.

New Business.

Alderman Whitmore stated to the Council that he understood that the District Clerk and Sheriff had received double pay for cost in some of the delinquent tax suits. On motion the matter was referred to the City Attorney

Resolution for A.T.C. to settle with Millard Pattison

The following Resolution was read and adopted by a unanimous vote.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that the Assessor & Collector be and he is hereby authorized to settle with Millard Pattison from time to time for whatever commissions &c may be coming to said Pattison on account of delinquent taxes collected under his contract heretofore made with the city, and said Pattison is authorized to retain out of any moneys that may be or may come in to his hands on account of said taxes the amount that may

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be found to be due him on any settlement.

Bills, Communications, Notices &c.

The Clerk read a petition of Refugio Galdean asking permission to build a small frame house on Block 88 Campbells add. On motion the petition was referred to Streets and Grade Committee.

A petition from Basilio Parhico asking the city to re-imburse him to the amount of $75.00 for lumber of his used by the Committee to build the levee. On motion the petition was referred to the Building Committee.

A bill of B.E. Majors for work done on the Streets for June was recommended paid on June 30th 1897. the bill amounting in to $62.15

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved

Joseph Magoffin
Mayor.

B.S. Cattin
City Clerk