Regular Meeting Thursday June 7th 1900

Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso, Texas, June 7th 1900

The City Council met in regular session at 8 O'clock P.M. on the above day and date, with Mayor Magoffin present and presiding and the following Aldermen answering to roll call: Badger, Brumer, Burton, McDuffie, Ogden, Stewart and Whitmore. Absent: Alderman Clifford.

The minutes of May 31st were read and approved without corrections.

Reports from City Officers.

City Engineer Kimbrey recommended that Upson Ave. be repaired or fixed up by taking dirt from the west end of Franklin Street and putting the same on Upson Ave. On motion it was so ordered.

Street Improvement Committee.

Chairman Badger of the above Committee recommended that the petition of L. J. Stoltz asking the City to pay him for his fence claimed to have been taken away by G. M. Gaimie in the Spring of 1897 be denied and rejected. On motion duly made and carried the recommendation was adopted, and the petition rejected.

Finance Committee.

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

Street Commissioners Weekly pay Roll	$64.00
Sewer Commissioners " " "	5.00

On motion warrants were ordered drawn to pay the bills.

Bills, Communications, Notices, Etc.

A petition was read from Conrad Rausch and J. A. Paradis asking that the sewer be extended to lots 4-5 & 6 in block 85 Campbells Addition. On motion the petition was referred to the Sewer Commissioner.

A petition from E. B. Tatman et al was read asking the Council to place an Arc Lamp at the intersection of Mesa Ave and Nevada Street. On motion the petition was referred to the Fire Water Committee.

Unfinished Business.

Under the above head the Clerk was by motion instructed to open and read the bids received by him for the construction of a cement sidewalk around the City Hall which is as follows:

W. D. Holtzman, proposed to do the entire work $1478.00.

Nick H Carson, proposed to do the entire work according to specifications on file in the city clerks office for $1147.56
R. C. Lowell, proposed to do the work for 1389.72.
Nels Larsen proposed to do the entire work for $1231.25.
It was moved and seconded that Nick H Carson's bid being the lowest and best bid recived, that he be awarded the Contract The vote on the above motion was taken by roll call, which when taken, resulted in a unanimous vote in favor of awarding the Contract to Nick H. Carson.

City Engineer Wimberly notified the Council that the three large siphons heretofore ordered had arrived in the city, and that he would need about 75 bbls of cement and 30,000 brick.
It was moved and seconded that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the furnishing to the City of El Paso, one car load of Portland Cement of the Hermnor brand, said car load to contain 75 bbls more or less, F.O.B. El Paso, Also for the furnishing of 30,000 hard burned brick to be delivered on Franklin Street between Kuge and Newman Street at such point as may be designated by the City Engineer. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor.

B. S. Catlin
City Clerk

Regular Meeting Thursday June 14th 1900

Council Chamber, City Hall
El Paso Texas, June 14th 1900

The City Council met in regular session at 8 O'Clock p.m. on the above day and date with Mayor Magoffin present and presiding, and the following Aldermen answering to roll call: Badger, Brumer, Burton, McDuffie, Ogden, Stewart and Whitmore. Absent: Alderman Clifford.

The minutes of a regular meeting held June 7th, 1900, were read and approved without correction.

Reports from City Officers.

The Clerk submitted the report of the City Assessor & Collector for the month of May 1900, as follows:

Tax Rolls of 1899,	503.67
Tax Rolls of 1898,	164.25
Tax Rolls of 1897,	139.49
Tax Rolls of 1896,	49.56
Tax Rolls of 1895,	23.26
Tax Rolls of 1894,	21.66
Tax Rolls of 1893	25.60
Tax Rolls of 1892	37.12
Collected from sale of Dog tags	230.00
Occupation Tax	1881.95
Sewer permits for Sewer Connections	295.00
Interest on delinquent taxes	79.21
Total Amount Collected.	3450.77

Settlement with City Treasurer and others by the following receipts: City Treasurers receipt No. 884 for $360.81, No 885 for 1825.49, No 886 for $321.72, No. 887 for $580.18. J. T. Williams, School Treasurer for $247.25 Receipt of J. H. Smith, Assessor & Collector for $19.69, $24.03, $15.14 and $56.46, Making a total of $3450.77.

On motion duly made and carried the report was referred to the Taxation Committee.

The Clerk submitted his report on Building permits issued by him for the Month of May showing 22 permits issued for said Month, for which the City received $16.50, and showing settlement of same by City Treasurers No 888. for $16.50. On motion duly made and carried the report was referred to to the Building Committee.

Police Committee.

Chairman Burton of the above Committee submitted the report of the Chief of Police for the Month of May, showing

collections by him for said month to $1406.00, and settlement for same by City Treasurer receipt No. 883, for $1374.00, and J. W. Johnson's receipt for $32.00, and stated that the report had been checked by the Committee and found to be correct, and recommended that the report be received and filed. On motion it was so ordered.

Street Improvement Committee.

Chairman Badger of the above Committee stated to the Council that Nick H. Carson had assigned the contract awarded to him for the construction of a cement sidewalk around the City Hall building to R. C. Lowell and that the Mayor had entered into a contract with, the said Lowell, for the same price as that of the said Nick H. Carson, and recommended that the action of the Mayor in entering into the contract with the said Lowell be approved and ratified by the City Council, On motion duly made and carried the recommendation of Chairman Badger was adopted, and the action of the Mayor was approved and ratified. The contract above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

State of Texas }
County of El Paso }

This Instrument, made on this the 13th day of June, 1900, by and between the City of El Paso, herein acting by its Mayor, party of the first part, and R. C. Lowell, party of the Second part, Witnesseth as follows:

That the said City, desiring the construction of a certain cement sidewalk, did, on the 2nd day of June, 1900, advertise for proposals, substantially as follows: "Proposals for Cement Sidewalks and Coping. Sealed proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of El Paso until 4 o'clock p.m., Thursday, June 7th 1900, for the construction of a cement sidewalk, commencing at the east end of the City Hall Building, and running west on San Antonio Street to the intersection of said Street with that of Myrtle Avenue. Also a cement sidewalk, commencing at the east end of the City Hall building on Myrtle avenue and running west on Myrtle avenue to its intersection with San Antonio Street. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the order of the Mayor of the City of El Paso, for an amount not less than ten per cent of the aggregate cost. For further information see specifications on file in City Clerks office at City Hall Building. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. (Signed) B. B. Mallin, City Clerk. El Paso June 2nd 1900."

That on the 7th day of June, 1900, said proposals were opened and that of Nick H. Carson was found to be the lowest, and was as follows: El Paso Texas, June 7th 1900. Bid for Sidewalk for City Hall. I will do cement work according to Specifications, at prices herein named, Coping 434 feet at 50 cents, $217.00; Curbing, 592 feet, at 35 cents, 207.20; Walk, 6.028 feet, at 12 cents, 723.36. Total $1.147.56 (Signed) Nick H Carson." That the said bid was on the said date accepted by the City Council of said City, and the contract of doing the aforesaid work, according to said bid and proposal and said specifications, was thereupon awarded to the said Nick H. Carson; that thereafterwards the said Nick H. Carson desired to be released from said Contract, and, subject to the ratification of said City, by his agent and attorney in fact, W. L. Gilpin, assigned and transferred to the aforesaid, R. C. Lowell, all his rights, as well as all his obligations, in and under the said contract. And the said R. C. Lowell, having with the consent of said City Council, assumed the said Contract and undertakn its obligation.

Now, Therefore, This Instrument Witnesseth:

I. That the said R. C. Lowell hereby binds himself, his heirs and personal representatives, without any unnecessary delay, and as soon as practicable, to provide and furnish all necessary material, and prepare the ground, and in a skillful and workmanlike manner perform and do all the work necessary to be done in and about the making the aforesaid sidewalk and coping, in accordance with the specifications now on file in the office City Clerk, and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, whose certificate shall be evidence of the performance and completion of said work, and of the quality and condition of the material used, having been done and furnished in a manner satisfactory to him, and in accordance with the spirit and intention of the aforesaid specifications and of this contract.

II. The said City, in consideration of the above undertaking on the part of the said R. C. Lowell, and the faithful performance of the same by him, agrees to pay him the sum of $1,147.56 in cash, or its equivalent upon the performance of his aforesaid undertaking to the satisfaction of the said City Engineer, and to make said payment as follows: that is; one half of said amount when one half of said work is done and so certified by the City Engineer, and the other half when the work is fully completed and performed to the satisfaction of said Engineer, and so certified by him.

And it is understood and agreed that the material furnished, and the work to be done is to be first class and in accordance with the aforesaid specifications, which are made a part hereof, and to the satisfaction, as aforesaid, of the said City Engineer, and that the said R. C. Lowell is to protect the said City against all claims, liens or damage that may in any way be made against said City for material furnished or work done, or damages that may be occasioned by any thing incident to the doing of said work.

III The assignment, as aforesaid, by the said Nick H. Carson, of his rights and obligations, under his aforesaid bid and contract, and his consent to the making of this contract between the said City and the said R. C. Lowell, is evidenced by the signature of the said Carson to this instrument, made by his said Attorney in fact, W. L. Gilpin.

This instrument is signed by the parties hereto, this the 13th day of June, 1900. (Signed) Joseph Magoffin, Mayor of the City of El Paso.

Attest (Signed) R. C. Lowell

B. S. Catlin, (") Nick H. Carson

City Clerk. per L. W. Gilpin.

State of Texas }
County of El Paso }

We, R. C. Lowell, as principal, and W. S. McCutcheon and Percy McGhee as sureties, hereby acknowledge ourselves to owe and to be indebted to the City of El Paso in the sum of five hundred dollars, for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, assigns and personal representatives.

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bound R. C. Lowell will faithfully and fully perform all his undertakings under the foregoing contract, which is made a part hereof, in accordance with the intention and spirit of the same; and will furnish the material and do all the work of the kind, and in the manner, and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer, as expressed therein, then this obligation is to be void; otherwise it is to remain in full force for the complete indemnification of the said city.

Witness our hands this the 13th day of June, 1900.

(Signed) R. C. Lowell.
(") W. S. McCutcheon
(") Percy McGhee

Finance Committee.

Acting Chairman Burton of the above committee recommended the payment of the following bills for the month of May:

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Consumers Ice Co.	Ice, Ice for City Hall for May	2 75
El Paso Gas Electric L. H. Co.	Gas for City Hall for May	10 75
Hotel Dieu	Care of Mrs A Strobel 30 days	15 00
N. B. Chapman	Catching & Killing 206 dogs May	103 00
El Paso Gas Electric L. H. Co.	54 Arc Lamps for May	643 00
El Paso Ice Mfg. Co	Ice for Police Station 4 00 Ice for Pest house May	7 20
E. B. Welch	Use of Store 75 Use of table 100	1 75
N. B. Chapman	Killing & Hauling Dogs	5 00
Times Pub. Company	500 Notices 2 75 4000 election Blks 12 00 500 N. Pr. 6 00 500 Ad. Tax 2 75	42 75
El Paso Water Works	Buckler Sq. 34 90 Jail 9 00 Cy Hall 9 00 Tanks 360 00 Hydrants 30 00 Hydrants 37 25	1057 85
Guyton Lingo & Co	Lumber for Pest House for May	88 14
Thos. Ehrenberg	Mdse for Pest House	8 45
Momsen & Thorne	Mdse for Pest House	22 90
J. J. O'Neill	" " " "	60 75
Spencer Bros	Meat for Pest House May a/c	15 55
El Paso Fuel Co.	Fuel May a/c Pest House	3 55
Shelton Payne Arms Co.	Whip 1 00 Bit 1 00 Snaps 05 Pest House	2 05
Kelly & Pollard	Drugs for Pest House May a/c	45 05
O. G. Epton	Grain for Pest House Apr & May	24 90
Star Stables	May a/c Pest House	17 10
Henry Breiten	Repairs a/c Street Maint. May	4 50
L. R. Richey	Mdse a/c Street Maint May	25 65
El Paso Transfer Co	Sprinkling 360 00 Extended Road Em	363 00
California Stables	Boarding Horses Street Cont Apr & May	30 00
Pass City Fr. M. Co	Repairing Roller	25 00
San Antonio Market	Meat for Alligators	6 35
Henry Breiten	Repairs May a/c	5 45
O. T. Bassett & Co	Lumber Street a/c	5 98
T. H. Bennett	Repairs May a/c Street Maint.	9 85
Bassett & Kelly	Mdse Street Maint May a/c	5 85
El Paso Gas E. & P. Co	Incd. Lamps Police	60
" " "	Rent Elec. Light May Police Dept	8 00
El Paso M. M. & F. F. House	Mdse Police Dept	30 06
Spurr Com. Pay Roll	Robbins 2 50 Moore 2 50	5 00
Street "		65 00
California Stables "	Board Horses Chief Police May	15 00
El Paso Fr. M. Co	Feed Horses	10 60
Star Stables	Horse & Buggy Hire Driver a/c	13 00
T. H. Bennett	Repairs May a/c Driver	3 20
Payne Badger Coal Co	Cement	11 25
Ballinger Longwell	Hauling Sewer pipe	4 50
Momsen & Thorne	Mdse Sewer a/c	15 60

Passett & Kelly	Mdse for Jurors May a/c	148 90
El Paso Water Co	" " " "	7 00
Park H. Pillman	Cost in suit a/c	5 00
Thos. H. Conklin	Ins. a/c May	36 00
Pomeroy Transfer Co	To Bill	1 80
Passett & Kelly	Mdse Fire Dept May a/c	20 71
El Paso M. M. & S. S. House	Repairs " " " "	12 15
Payne Badger Coal Co	1 Ton Coal " " " "	7 50
El Paso Ice & Ref. Co	Ice for " " " "	6 75
Henry Breuer	Shoeing for " " " "	25 50
John B. Watson	Oil " " " " "	5 25
Campbell & Grayson	Press " " " " "	4 00
Dr. F. Thatcher	Vaccines " " " " "	3 00
El Paso Elec. L. & P. Co.	Light " " " " "	17 50
Shelton Payne Arms Co	Mdse " " " " "	4 10
T. H. Spenger	Brooms " " " " "	3 00
O. G. Spelon	Grain " " " " "	59 40

It was moved and seconded that the above bills be allowed and warrants drawn on their respective funds to pay the same. Motion carried.

Fire & Water Committee.

Chairman Brunner of the above Committee recommended that the petition asking the Council to have an Arc Lamp placed at the intersection of Mesa Avenue and Nevada Street be granted. On motion duly made and carried the recommendation of the Committee was adopted, and the Lamp ordered.

Bills, Communications, Notices, Etc.

The Clerk read a petition from J. D. Hubbell and A. P. Coles asking the Council to grant them permission to raise the sidewalk in front of their building at the Corner of San Antonio & Oregon Street as high as the building will permit, on account of the water, so that they may be able to protect their cellar from overflow. On motion the petition was referred to the Street Improvement Committee in conjunction with the City Engineer, with power to act.

A petition from the Fire Department asking the Council to allow them to hire and extra man at a salary of $75.00 per month was read, and on motion duly made and carried the petition was granted.

The Clerk read a petition from the El Paso Commercial Company

asking permission to change Stuart Street and open an alley through Block 12 of Sunset Heights. as shown on a small plat hereto attached, which is called a subdivision of blocks 11 and 12. On motion the petition was referred to the Street Improvement Committee.

The Clerk read a communication from El Paso Mine, Mill & Smelter Supply House by B. L. Bailey, asking permission to use the Plaza to make an electric display during the State Teachers Association. On motion duly made and carried the petition was granted provided that they would not injure any of the trees or shrubby.

The Clerk read a communication from Mrs Marie Allen Secretary of the Public Library asking the Council to have the vacant space in the Public Library filled up with suitable shelving to accommodate their books. On motion the petition was referred to the building Committee.

A petition from the Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. was read asking the Council to have an Arc Lamp placed at the intersection of Ochoa & First Street. On motion the petition was referred back to the Company, with a request to place a light there at their own expense.

The Clerk read the following proposition

El Paso Texas May 31st 1900

To the Members of the Board of Health
El Paso, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

We the undersigned will furnish all pipe, fittings and the faucets, and will lay the pipe making connection with the water service at the Cemetery water works, and continuing the same to the City Hospital for the consideration of three hundred and twenty five ($325.00) Dollars.

The City is to secure a permit from the R.R. Co. granting the use of their right-of-way. Respectfully
Monson & Thomas

Approved W. N. Vilas President Board Health
C. T. Race City Health Physician.

On motion duly made and carried the proposition was referred to the Fire & Water Committee.

Unfinished Business.

Under the above head the Clerk read a bid from the Ward Brick Company ~~proposing~~ to furnishing the City

30,000 brick at any designated place in the city for $6.25 per thousand brick.
On motion duly made and carried the proposition of the Ward Brick Co. was accepted.

The clerk read a bid from the El Paso Fuel Co. proposing to furnish the City with 75 bbls of Hummor Portland Cement at $3.75 per barrel.
The bid of the O'Brien Coal Co. proposed to furnish the City of El Paso with 60 bbls, or more of Hummor Portland Cement at $3.65, per bbl F.O.B. cars at El Paso.
Moved and seconded that the bid of the O'Brien Coal Co. be accepted, it being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.

C.W. Fassett, City Treasurer asked instructions as to what fund he should place the $25.00 collected from the G.H. & S.A. Ry. Co. on account of rent of Newman Street. On motion he was instructed to place the said money to the credit of the Street Maintenance fund.
S.H. Newman, W.J. Fuller and Dr. Howard Thompson filed a protest against the city appropriating any of the public fund for the entertainment of the State Teachers Association.

On motion duly made, that the city appropriate $500.00 for the lighting the City Park, the vote was taken by roll call which, when taken, resulted as follows: Yeas: Badger, Brunner, Burton, McDuffie, Ogden and Stewart. 6. Nays: Whitmore. 1. Whereupon the mayor declared the motion to appropriate $500.00 for lighting the City Parks carried.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

B.S. Catlin,
City Clerk.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor.