Regular Meeting, March 6th, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Tex.

The City Council met in regular session at 8 p.m. Friday, March 6th, 1891. Present Mayor Richard Caples, and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, J. P. Dieter, Dan Kelly, W. B. Merrick, Louis Papin and A. Solomon, C. Absent, H. M. Kingsbury and James W. Magoffin.

The minutes of the last meeting (Feb. 27th, 1891) were read and approved.

Assessor and Collector Merrill presented the following reports, which were referred to the Finance Com.

Monthly Statement, February, 1891.

Occupation licenses,	Special fund,	755 37²		
Dog licenses,		7 50	762 87²	767 87²
Sewer permits,	Sewer fund,		5 "	
	5% Commission			38 39²
	Net,			729 48

Settlement by Treasurer's receipt No. 276
El Paso, Texas, March 2d, 1891.

(signed) Z. F. Merrill, Assessor & Collector.

No. 1. Collections from Rolls of 1890, to March 1.

	Colls less Com.	Gross Collns
General fund,	12162 40	12802 52
School fund,	3378 40	3556 21
Street Improvement fund,	675 60	711 16
" Maintenance fund,	675 60	711 16
El Paso Water Works Bonds. Sinking and Interest fund, (Artesian)	675 60	711 16
Public School " " " " "	675 60	711 16
Sewer " " " " "	675 60	711 16
Funded Indebtedness " " " "	405 60	426 95
Sewer extension and Maintenance,	675 60	711 16
	20000 00	21052 64

Settlement by Treasurer's receipts Nos. 271, 275 and 276.

El Paso, Texas, March 2, 1891.

(signed) Z. F. Merrill, Assessor and Collector.

The City Attorney reported favorably upon the bills of "Officers of the District Court", amounting to $32.55 and recommended their payment. Report adopted and warrant on the General fund ordered.

The City Attorney called attention to the matter of taking up the Street railway track on Oregon St.

On motion of Alderman Davis, the City Attorney was directed to draw a contract and agreement with the El Paso City Railway Co., by which said company shall agree to take up the railway track on North Oregon street, and to replace the same, and operate the road, within six months from such time as the City Council shall notify said company to do so: the company to retain its franchise by complying with this agreement.

The **Finance Committee**, Chairman Papin, reported favorably upon the following bills which were approved and warrants ordered in payment of the same.

Name	No	Purpose	Fund	Amt.
Fruin, Chas. E.	1084	1350 stakes for City Eng.	General	30 "
Watts, W. H.	1085	Trees for plaza	"	55 36
McKenzie, D.	1086	March rent of City Hall	"	223 98
Merrill, Z. F.	1087	Diebold safe No. 29	"	150 "
Kingsbury, Mrs W. H.	1088	342 meals to prisoners in Feb. '91	"	68 40
El Paso Water Co.	1089	flushing tanks, Feb. '91	"	96 "
Watts, W. H.	1090	allowance for labor in park for Feb.	"	50 "
Roberts & Company	1091	mops and handles for City Jail,	"	4 "
Wimberly, O. C.	1092	Rodman for City Eng.	"	45 75
Millspaugh, P. M.	1093	Chainman " " "	"	31 "
Bates, B. L.	1094	" " "	"	5 "
Griesberg, Morris	1095	Hack one day " "	"	5 "
El P. Gas, Elec. Lgt. & Power Co.	1096	Gas for City Hall, Feby.	"	24 32
Cattin, J. H.	1098	Costs of suits in Dist. Court	"	32 55
Proctor, M. B.	1099	Notary fees	"	2 75
Bencke, Henry	133	Cement and drayage	Sewer fund	6 75
Campbell, M. D.	134	Building flushtank	" "	22 "
El Paso Water Co.	135	Stop Cock and pipe for flushtank	" "	2 60
do do	136	" " " " "	" "	3 40
do do	137	flushtank connection	" "	2 50
Bencke, Henry	128	Tools, nails etc. for St. Com.	St. Maintenance	14 95
Wright Bros.	129	Brick work	" "	11 75
Miner and Miner	130	Sharp. 9 picks	" "	2 25
Noake, H. P.	131	Steeling 11 picks	" "	11 "
El Paso Transfer Co	1100	removing safe	General fund	20 "
Peg and Company	1101	painting wagon Nos.	" "	3 75

Regular Meeting, March 6, 1891, Continued.

The Fire and Water Committee, Chairman, Dieter, reported favorably upon the petition of Francis Parker to erect a photograph tent corner of Texas and Mesa avenue.

The report was adopted and permission granted.

Alderman Dieter complained of the quality of water furnished by the Water Company and thought the council ought to take some action in reference to the matter.

The subject was referred to the Fire & Water Committee and City Attorney.

Bills and Communications.

The pay roll of the Sewer Commissioner, amounting to $52.50, and that of the Street Commissioner for $38.50, for week ending March 7th 1891, was read and approved

The action of the Mayor in extending an invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic to hold the next State Encampment here, was unanimously approved.

The following communication from the Mayor was read and referred to the Streets & Grades Com:

To the Hon. Board of Aldermen, El Paso, Texas, March 6th, 1891.

Gentlemen: I would respectfully recommend that all streets that have been graded, should be sprinkled by the City, and I recommend that you advertise for bids to do the work a period of one year

(signed) Richard Caples, Mayor.

A petition signed by Ketelson & Degetau, by Max Weber, Atty. Benj. McLean & Co., Waters-Pierce Oil Co. by W. W. Rose, Manager, and M. Weber, requesting the city to extend the fire limits on El Paso and Santa Fe streets, to Seventh street, was read and referred to the Fire & Water Committee

Unfinished Business.

An Ordinance creating the Office of City Weigher was taken up and postponed 30 days.

The following ordinance was read and adopted by more than a two thirds majority of all the members elected, the vote standing. Yeas, Davis, Dieter, Kelly, Merrick, Papin and Solomon, 6. Nays, none, Absent, Aldermen Kingsbury and Magoffin. 2.

No. 34.

An Ordinance (Pub. El Paso Times 10 days com'g March 11th 1891)

Levying a Special tax on all lots and Pieces of Ground, to the Center of the Blocks fronting on North and South Campbell Street, from the Alley in Block No. 42 to E. Overland Street.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that a tax of One Hundred and thirty eight dollars and fifty-eight cents ($138.58) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling North Campbell street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of the blocks fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said North Campbell street, so improved, from the alley in Block 42 to St. Louis street.

Section 2. Be it further ordained that a tax of three hundred and forty-eight dollars and forty cents, ($348.40) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling North Campbell street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of the blocks fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said North Campbell street, so improved, from St. Louis street to Texas street.

Section 3. Be it further ordained that a tax of three hundred and ninety one dollars and four cents ($391.04) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling North Campbell street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of the blocks fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said North Campbell street, so improved, from Texas to Myrtle street.

Section 4. Be it further ordained that a tax of two hundred and ninety-five dollars, ($295.00) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling North Campbell street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of the blocks fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said North Campbell street, so improved, from Myrtle street to San Antonio St.

Section 5. Be it further ordained that a tax of four hundred and ten dollars and eighty cents, ($410.80) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling South Campbell street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of the blocks fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said South Campbell street, so improved, from San Antonio St. to E. Overland Street.

Section 6. Be it further ordained that such taxes shall be due and payable from and after the passage of this Ordinance, and if not paid within thirty days after that time, the same shall have added thereto a penalty of ten per cent., and shall bear interest from the day of sale at the rate of twenty-five per centum per annum, to be computed on the tax, penalty and costs, as provided by section 141 of the City Charter.

Section 7. Be it further ordained that this ordinance take effect, and be in force from and after its passage approval and publication.

The following Ordinance was read and adopted by more than a two thirds majority of all the

Regular Meeting, March 6, 1891 Continued.

members elected to the Council, the vote standing as follows: Yeas. Davis, Dicker, Kelly, Merrick, Papin and Solomon, 6. Nays. none. Absent, Kingsbury and Magoffin.

No. 33. **An Ordinance** (Pub. Daily Times ten days commencing Mar 11.91)

Levying a Special tax on all lots and pieces of ground, to the Center of the Blocks fronting on St Louis Street from Mesa Avenue to North Campbell Street.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that a tax of three hundred and fifty-five dollars and twenty cents ($355.20) be and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling St. Louis Street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of the blocks fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said St Louis street, so improved, from North Stanton Street to North Kansas street.

Section 2. Be it further ordained that a tax of two hundred and eighty-two dollars and seventeen cents ($282.17) be and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling St. Louis Street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of the blocks fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said St Louis street, so improved, from Mesa Avenue to North Stanton Street.

Section 3. Be it further ordained that a tax of three hundred and eighteen dollars and seventeen cents ($318.17) be and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and graveling St. Louis Street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of the blocks fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said St Louis street, so improved, from North Kansas Street to North Campbell street.

Section 4. Be it further ordained that such taxes shall be due and payable from and after the passage of this Ordinance, and if not paid within thirty days from that date, the same shall have added thereto a penalty of ten per cent, and shall bear interest from the day of sale, at the rate of twenty-five per centum per annum, to be computed on the tax, penalty and costs, as provided by Section 141 of the City Charter.

Section 5. Be it further ordained that this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Alderman Merrick presented an Ordinance to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 28, entitled "An Ordinance Relative to the Carrying of arms", approved July 17, 1890.

Referred to the Police Committee.

Alderman Dicker reported that a sick man named Frank Keller was in need of assistance and ought to be sent to the Hospital.

The Mayor was authorized to look after him and to employ a nurse if thought necessary.

The Council then adjourned.

Approved.

Richard Caples Mayor.

G. E. Boyce, City Clk.

Regular Meeting, Friday, March 13th, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Tex.

The City Council met in regular session at 8 p.m., Friday, March 13th, 1891. Present: Mayor Richard Caples and the following aldermen: Dan Kelly, Louis Papin.

There being no quorum present, the Council adjourned to meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14th, 1891.

Approved

Richard Caples Mayor.

G. E. Boyce, City Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting, Saturday, March 14th, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Tex.

The City Council met, pursuant to adjournment, at 7-30 p. m. Saturday, March 14th 1891. Present: Mayor Richard Caples and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, James W. Magoffin, Louis Papin and A. Solomon 5. Absent: J. P. Dicker, N. M. Kingsbury and W. B. Merrick.

The reading of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

The City Attorney reported that he had prepared a contract and agreement with the El Paso Street Railway Company and had placed it in the hands of Joseph Magoffin, for examination by the Company; that the railway company desired to take up the track on South Stanton, as well as North Oregon Street and he would also prepare another contract which would be submitted to the Council for approval.

Reports of Officers.

City Engineer Campbell submitted the following report, which was referred to the Streets and Grades Committee.

To the Hon. City Council. El Paso, Texas, March 13th, 1891.

Gentlemen: Mr. J. E. Ferry has finished his contract for the construction of sidewalks on East Overland street, and I submit the work with my approval, to you.

The assessments for the same are as follows:

Southwest quarter of Block No. 14, Mills Map,		.81 7/10	cents per front foot.	105.83
Southeast " " " "		.93 7/10	" "	121.43
North half of " "	34. " "	.66 9/10	" "	173.94
Southeast quarter of " "	13. " "	1.00	" "	130.00
North half of block " "	35 " "	1.09	" "	283.40
East ½ of N.W. quarter " "	36 " "	1.00 6/10	" "	65.40
Northeast quarter of " "	" " "	1.03 6/10	" "	134.68
North ½ of " "	197 Campbell Addn	1.01	" "	262.60
South ½ of " "	38 Mills Map	97 5/10	" "	253.50
			Total Amount	1530.78

The deducting from the contract of the building of a new sidewalk in front of Block No. 24, between Utah and South Stanton streets is to be regretted, since the present board walk, at that point, is below the grade, and in hard repair, notwithstanding it was represented to be, both on grade and in good condition, in a petition asking that it be allowed to remain, that was presented to the Council. The omission of the work also interferes with the proper grading of the street at this point.

(signed) J. L. Campbell, City Engineer.

The following report of the City Engineer was, also, referred to the Streets and Grades Committee.

To the Hon. City Council. El Paso, Texas, March 13th, 1891.

Gentlemen: Mr. W. W. Briggs has finished the grading and graveling of St. Louis Street from North Oregon street to Mesa Avenue, and from North Campbell street to Florence street, and the same has my approval. The assessment for the same is as follows:

From North Oregon street to Mesa Avenue	50	cents per front foot.	234.60
" " Campbell to Florence street.	73 7/10	" "	384 "

(signed) J. L. Campbell, City Engineer.

Mr F. Weber Benton, representing the "Western World", here came forward and stated that he was engaged in writing up El Paso and vicinity for that paper and asked the Council to endorse and approve the enterprise.

Referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mayor Caples submitted the following nominations which were approved without objection:

J. W. Keller	presiding judge of election to be held April 14th, 1891.	First Ward.
Thomas Kern,	" " " " " "	Second "
H. P. Noake,	" " " " " "	Third "
J. F. Gaston,	" " " " " "	Fourth "

The weekly pay roll of the Sewer Commissioner, amounting to $52.50, and that of the Street Commissioner for $29.25, both for week ending March 14, 1891, were read and approved.

The resignation of N. M. Kingsbury was read and accepted.

Regular Meeting, Friday, March 20th, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met in regular session at 8 p.m. Friday, March 20th, A.D. 1891. Present, Mayor Richards, Baffles and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, J. P. Dicker, Dan Kelly, Jas. N. Magoffin, W. B. Morrow, Louis Papin and A. Solomon. One vacancy, from the 3d ward.

The minutes of the last two regular meetings, (March 6th and 13th) and the adjourned meeting of March 17th, 1891, were read and approved.

Reports of City Officers.

City Engineer Campbell presented the following report which was referred to the Streets & Grades Com.

El Paso, Texas, March 20th, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: No. N. Briggs has finished the following portion of his contract to grade and gravel Overland Street, and I submit the work to you with my approval, with the assessment to defray cost of same, as follows:

From South Stanton Street to Utah Street,	57 cents per front foot,	296 40
" Utah Street to South Oregon Street,	52 50/100 cents per front foot,	272 48
" South Oregon Street to South El Paso Street,	48 cents per front foot,	249 60
" South Santa Fe St. to Chihuahua St. South ½ of Block 25,	42 50/100 cents per front foot,	95 42
" " " " North ½ of Block 32,	36 75/100 cents per front foot,	95 42

(Signed) J. L. Campbell, City Engineer.

See bills referred

Chief of Police Lyons submitted the following report of collections for the month of February, 1891, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

No. 21.

Recorder's Court fines for vagrancy,	to March 1, 1891,	260 00
" " " selling lottery tickets,	" "	30 00
" " " miscellaneous,	" "	55 10
" " " carrying concealed weapons,		50 00
" " " a/c of bond of Wallis Ely forfeited,		50 00
Bail permits,		35 00
	Total,	480.10

City Clerk Bowen presented the following reports, which were referred to the Finance Comm.:

El Paso, Texas, March 20, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit report showing warrants drawn, the fund upon which drawn, and amount of same for February, 1891, also the total amount for the fiscal year just closed.

I also submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending with February, 1891, showing the amount of warrants drawn each month, the fund upon which drawn, the total for each month and for the fiscal year.

		Feb. issue	Prevy issued	Total for year
General Fund Warrants,	No. 1006 to 1100,	18936 4	33522 06	35416 70
Special Fund Warrants,	" 336 " 375	730 "	9400 92	10130 92
Street Improvement Fund Warrants,	"	.....	2881 22	2881 22
Street Maintenance " "	" 124 " 132	143 95	2935 10	3079 05
Sewer Fund Warrants,	" 130 " 138	277 75	4852 50	5130 25
School Fund Warrants,		.....	3377 68	3377 68
Occupation Fund Warrants,		.....	334 22	334 22
Sewer Bond Sinking & Interest Fund Warrants		.....	1405 25	1405 25
School Bond "		.....	900 "	900 "
Funded Indebtedness Bond Sinking and Int. Fund Warrants,		.....	600 "	600 "
	Total,	3045 34	60208 95	63254 29
Less warrants Nos. 226, 227, 228, General fund, cancelled,				3000 "
Total for fiscal year (current expense)				60254 29
School Fund, on a/c of sale of Public School Bonds, Ordinance No.				30000 "
Sewer Bond Sinking and Interest Fund, Purchase of Water Works				5000 "
Total Warrants for the fiscal year ending February, 28th, 1891.				95254 29

Annual Statement.

1891.	Gen. Fund	Spl. Fund	St. Imp. Fd.	St. Maint. Fd.	Sewer Fund	School Fd.	Occupation Fd.	Sewer Bd. Sk'g & Int.	School Bd. Sk'g & Int.	Fd. Fun'd S. & Int.	Totals.
March, 1890	344623	76380		11350	58131	131382					621866
April, "	318880	81884		41525	24822	131384					598495
May, "	320739	88548	16790	23750	61048	20213					541088
June, "	346629	80750		264 "	165 "		300 "	70175			569354
July, "	317104	735 "		19550	12585	20213	20 "				449952
August, "	200351	77375	96290	27015	59850	20213					490094
September, "	307847	77375	44242	49040	57830		1422				537756
October, "	301232	91793	90639	223 "	34429				900 "	600 "	690393
November, "	204777	133265	40161	21750	91 "						400043
December, "	416868	85732		24350	119530	14363		70175			731003
January, 1891	265271	735 "		16480	31425						386676
February, "	189364	730 "		14395	27775						304534
	3541570	1013092	288122	307905	513025	337768	33422	140350	900 "	600 "	6325254
Less cancelled General fund Warrants Nos. 226, 227, 228 of 1890.											3000 "
Total for the fiscal year ending February 28th, 1891, on a/c of current expenses of the City.											6025254

Warrants have also been issued as follows:

School Fund, Money received from the sale of Public School bonds, (Warrants Nos. 7, 8, 9,	30000 "
Sewer Bond Sinking and Interest Fund, for purchase of $5000.00 El Paso City Water Works Bonds,	5000 "
	9525254

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The **Streets & Grades Committee**, chairman Solomon, reported in favor of accepting the work of grading and gravelling St. Louis Street as reported by the City Engineer at the last meeting.

The report was adopted and the work accepted.

The committee also reported in favor of accepting the tar and gravel sidewalks constructed by J. E. Terry on East Overland Street, as reported by the City Engineer March 14th.

The report was adopted and the work accepted.

The matter of constructing tar and gravel sidewalks on East Overland Street, where wooden walks have, by permission of the Council, been allowed to remain, was referred to the Streets & Grades Committee, with the City Engineer and City Attorney.

The committee also reported back the petition to grade and gravel Texas Street, and the protest against the same, and recommended that they be filed. It was so ordered.

The committee also reported favorably upon the Mayor's message in reference to Street Sprinkling and submitted the following Specifications and proposal, which were approved and the City Clerk instructed to advertise for bids.

Specifications for Street Sprinkling.

1st. The sprinklers used in this work shall be of the same general design and size as those now in use in this City, of which the one made by Doherty & Williams is an acceptable pattern.

The perforations in the discharging tubes shall be not less than one eighth of an inch diameter, and consist of not less than three rows the entire length of the tube, both rows and holes being placed not more than one inch apart, and placed on the upper and outer quarter of the tube.

2d. One sprinkling of a street shall consist in driving once through the center, and once on either side, half way from center to curb, or just sufficiently from the center to prevent water falling on the walk.

3d. The sprinkler must be driven at a rate not exceeding two and a half (2½) miles per hour, with the throttle entirely open. Two and a half (2½) miles per hour here means a slow walk.

Sealed Proposals

(Pub. El Paso Daily Times, March 22, to April 3, 1891)

Will be received by the City Council for sprinkling streets, as per specifications on file in the City Engineers office, until 7 o'clock p.m. of April 3d. A bond of five hundred dollars ($500) will be required to accompany proposal, which shall be forfeited to the city in case the successful bidder should fail to make a contract promptly for the work bid on. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed Proposals.

Will be received by the city council for sprinkling streets, as per specifications on file in the city engineer's office, until 7 o'clock p. m. of April 3rd. A bond of 500 will be required to accompany each proposal, which shall be forfeited to the city in case the successful bidder should fail to make a contract promptly for the work bid on. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

G. E Bovee,
City Clerk.
El Paso, Texas, March 22, 1891.

The **Fire and Water Committee**, chairman Dicker, presented an "Ordinance defining the Fire limits of the City, and for the prevention of fires", which was read and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Chairman Dicker reported rather discouragingly on the subject of photometers for measuring the candle power of electric lamps, but was directed to continue his investigations.

The **Acequia Committee**, chairman Merrick, reported that a question had been raised as to whether the City or private parties should pay for the acequia flume recently put in on South Leon street. Referred to the Acequia Committee with the City Atty.

The **Police Committee**, chairman Magoffin, reported unfavorably "On Ordinance to Amend Section One of an Ordinance Relative to the Carrying of Arms."

The report was adopted and the Ordinance rejected.

Bills and Communications

The weekly pay roll of the Sewer Commissioner, amounting to $52.50, and that of the Street Commissioner for $41.60 for the week ending March 21st. were read and approved.

The claim of **R. B. Stevens** for salary as policeman from June 13th. 1890, to April 1st. 1891, amounting to $716.50 was read and rejected.

The claim of **Jno. B. Saunders**, for salary as policeman from June 13th. 1890 to April 1st. 1891, amounting to $716.50 was read and rejected.

Regular Meeting, Friday, March 20th, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met in regular session at 8 p.m. Friday, March 20th, A.D. 1891.
Present: Mayor Richard Coldwell and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, G. P. Dieter, Dan Kelly, Jas. N. Magoffin, W. B. Morrick, Louis Papin and A. Solomon. One vacancy from the 3d ward.

The minutes of the last two regular meetings, (March 6th and 13th) and the adjourned meeting of March 17th, 1891, were read and approved.

Reports of City Officers.

City Engineer Campbell presented the following report which was referred to the Streets & Grades Com.

El Paso, Texas, March 20th, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: N. N. Briggs has finished the following portion of his contract to grade and gravel Overland Street, and I submit the work to you with my approval, with the assessment to defray cost of same, as follows:

From South Stanton Street to Utah Street,	57 cents per front foot,	296.40
" Utah Street to South Oregon Street,	52 7/10 cents per front foot,	272.48
" South Oregon Street to South El Paso Street,	48 cents per front foot,	249.60
" South South El Paso Street, Chihuahua St. South, p. of Block 25,	42 6/10 cents per front foot,	95.42
" " North, p. of Block 32,	36 7/10 cents per front foot,	95.42

(Signed) J. L. Campbell, City Engineer.

See Order Number

City Clerk Julius Lyons submitted the following report of collections for the month of February 1891, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

No. 21.

Accounts Court Fines for vagrancy,	to March 1, 1891,	260.00
" " selling lottery tickets,	" "	30.00
" " miscellaneous,	" "	55.10
" " carrying concealed weapons,		50.00
" " a/c of bonds of Wallace Bay forfeited,		50.00
Bail permits,		35.00
	Total,	480.10

City Clerk Davis presented the following reports, which were referred to the Finance Committee:

El Paso, Texas, March 20, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit report showing warrants drawn, the funds upon which drawn, and amount of same for February, 1891, also the total amount for the Fiscal year. I also submit my annual report for the Fiscal year ending with February, 1891, showing warrants drawn each month, the funds upon which drawn, the total for each month and for the fiscal year.

		Feb. issue		
General Fund Warrants,	No. 1006 to 1100,	18936.43		
Special Fund Warrants,	" 336 " 375	730.00		
Street Improvement Fund Warrants,				
Street Maintenance " "	" 124 " 132	143.95		
Sewer Fund Warrants,	" 130 " 138	277.75		
School Fund Warrants,			3377.68	3377.68
Interest Fund Warrants,			334.22	334.22
Sewer Bond Sinking & Interest Fund Warrants,			1405.25	1405.25
School Bond " "			900.00	900.00
Funded Indebtedness Bond Sinking and Int. Fund Warrants,			600.00	600.00
	Total,	30453.4	6020.89	6325.42
Less warrants Nos. 226, 227, 228, General Fund, cancelled,				30.00
Total for Fiscal year (current expense)				6025.42
School Fund, on a/c of sale of Public School Bonds, Ordinance No.				300.00
Sewer Bond Sinking and Interest Fund, Purchase of Water Works				50.00
Total Warrants for the Fiscal year ending, February 28th, 1891,				9525.42

Annual Statement.

1890.	Gen. Fund.	Sp. Fund.	St. Imp. Fd.	St. Maint. Fd.	Sewer Fund	School Fd.	Accounts Fd.	Sewer Bd. Sk. & Int.	School Bd. Sk. & Int.	Fd. Int. & Sk. Bond	Totals.
March. 1890	344623	76380		11350	58131	13182					621866
April. "	318880	81884		4525	24822	13184					598495
May. "	320739	88548	16790	23750	61048	20213					541088
June. "	346520	80750		264.00	165.00		300.00	70175			569854
July. "	317104	735.00		19550	12585	20213	20.00				444952
August. "	200351	77375	96290	27015	59850	20213					490094
September. "	307847	77375	44242	49040	57830		1422				637756
October. "	301232	61793	90639	223.00	34429				900.00	600.00	690393
November. "	204777	132265	40161	21750	91.00						400043
December. "	416863	85732		24850	119530	14363		70175			731003
January. 1891	265271	735.00		16480	31425						386676
February. "	189364	730.00		14395	27775						304534
	3541570	1013092	288122	307905	513025	337768	33422	140350	900.00	600.00	6325254
Less cancelled General Fund Warrants Nos. 226, 227, 228 of 1890.											3000.00
Total for the Fiscal year ending, February 28th, 1891, on a/c of Current expenses of the City.											6025254
Warrants have also been issued as follows:											
School Fund, Money received from the sale of Public School bonds, (Warrants Nos. 7, 8, 9,											30000.00
Sewer Bond Sinking and Interest Fund, for purchase of $5000.00 El Paso City Water Works Bonds,											5000.00
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Regular Meeting March 20, 1891. Continued

The **Streets & Grades Committee**, chairman Solomon, reported in favor of accepting the work of grading and graveling St. Louis street as reported by the City Engineer at the last meeting.

The report was adopted and the work accepted.

The committee also reported in favor of accepting the tar and gravel sidewalks constructed by J. B. Terry on East Overland street, as reported by the City Engineer March 14th.

The report was adopted and the work accepted.

The matter of constructing tar and gravel sidewalks on East Overland street, where wooden walks have, by permission of the Council, been allowed to remain, was referred to the Streets & Grades Committee, with the City Engineer and City Attorney.

The committee also reported back the petition to grade and gravel Texas street, and the protest against the same, and recommended that they be filed. It was so ordered.

The committee also reported favorably upon the Mayor's message in reference to Street Sprinkling and submitted the following Specifications and proposal, which were approved and the City Clerk instructed to advertise for bids.

Specifications for Street Sprinkling.

1st. The sprinklers used in this work shall be of the same general design and size as those now in use in this City, of which the one made by Esterly & Williams is an acceptable pattern.

The perforations in the discharging tubes shall be not less than one eighth of an inch diameter, and consist of not less than three rows the entire length of the tube, both rows and holes being spaced not more than one inch apart, and placed on the upper and outer quarter of the tube.

2d. One sprinkling of a street shall consist in driving once through the center, and once on either side, half way from center to curb, or just sufficiently from the center to prevent water falling on the walk.

3d. The sprinkler must be driven at a rate, not exceeding two and a half (2½) miles per hour, with the throttle entirely open. Two and a half (2½) miles per hour here means a slow walk.

Sealed Proposals

(Pub. El Paso Daily Times, March 22, to April 3, 1891)

Will be received by the City Council for sprinkling streets, as per specifications on file in the City Engineer's Office, until 7 o'clock p.m. of April 3d. A bond of five hundred dollars ($500.) will be required to accompany each proposal, which shall be forfeited to the city in case the successful bidder should fail to make a contract promptly, for the work bid on. The City reserves the right to reject any, or all bids.

The **Fire and Water Committee**, chairman Dieter, presented an "Ordinance defining the Fire limits of the City, and for the prevention of fires", which was read and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Chairman Dieter reported rather discouragingly on the subject of photometers for measuring the candle power of electric lamps, but was directed to continue his investigations.

The **Acequia Committee**, chairman Merrick, reported that a question had been raised as to whether the City or private parties should pay for the acequia flume recently put in on South Leon street. Referred to the Acequia Committee with the City Atty.

The **Police Committee**, chairman Magoffin, reported unfavorably "An Ordinance to Amend Section One of an 'Ordinance Relative to the Carrying of Arms'."

The report was adopted and the Ordinance rejected.

Bills and Communications

The weekly pay roll of the Sewer Commissioner, amounting to $52.50, and that of the Street Commissioner for $41.50 for the week ending March 21st. were read and approved.

The claim of **R. B. Stevens** for salary as policeman from June 13th. 1890, to April 1st. 1891, amounting to $716.50 was read and rejected.

The claim of **Jno. B. Saunders**, for salary as policeman from June 13th. 1890 to April 1st. 1891, amounting to $716.50 was read and rejected.

Regular Meeting, March 20, 1891. Continued.

The following petition was presented and read:

El Paso, Texas, March 20, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, composing Board of School Trustees of El Paso, petition your Honorable body to extend the City Sewer line from Second Street to the corner of Kansas and Fourth streets, in order that the new School House, located there, may have Sewer connection. (Signed) Chas. T. Race, E. C. Pew, Horace B. Stevens, G. E. Hubbard.

The petition was granted and the City Engineer directed to take the necessary steps to have the work done.

The bond of Lucius M. Sheldon, with J. H. Pollard and W. H. Burgess Jr. as sureties, to indemnify the city in case of loss on account of duplicate warrant ordered by the Council October 3d 1890, was read and accepted.

The following petition for Sewer Extension was read and referred to the Fire and Water Committee and the City Engineer:

El Paso, Texas, March 20, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: We would respectfully ask that a Sewer be constructed from a point in the alley in block No. 80, Magoffin's Addition, commencing about the middle of said block; thence east along said alley through half of block 80, and through blocks 81 and 82; thence in a southerly direction to connect with main on Second street. (Signed) F. H. Andrews, by Loomis & McLachlen. W. S. McCutcheon, Sam King, Chas Ernest Wesche, Jas. B. Williams, Horace B. Stevens, Agt.; P. Murtha, D. M. Payne, M. W. Stanton

I hereby certify that the above line, as petitioned for, can be put in. J. L. Campbell, City Engineer.

The following petition for the improvement of San Antonio Street was read and referred to the Streets and Grades Committee.

El Paso, Texas, March 20th, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen, We would respectfully ask that an order be issued for the grading of San Antonio Street to Cotton Avenue, and Cotton Avenue from San Antonio St. to Magoffin Ave.

W. H. Austin	Edgar B. Bronson	Dan Kelly	Caples & Hammer
El Paso National Bank by W. H. Austin	Grace V. Bronson	W. S. McCutcheon	Max Weber, by his duly authd agents, Loomis and McLachlen.
	Allan Blacker	Thomas L. Kerr	
First National Bank by H. S. Beattie, Cor.	Walter Earhart	J. P. Hague	O. C. Irvin
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Chas E. Wesche	New Building & Loan Assn., by E. A. Shelton, President.		

The following petition from the Park Commissioner was referred to the Streets & Grades Committee and the City Engineer.

El Paso, Texas, March 13th 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: I would respectfully ask that you place a sidewalk on the East side of the Park, along Mesa Avenue: also a retaining wall on the North side, along the S. P. track, to hold the embankment and keep the sand out of the park (signed)

W. H. Watts, Park Commissioner.

The following claim of Wyndham Kemp was read and unanimously rejected:

El Paso, Texas, March 18th, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: Referring to my written remonstrance presented to, and filed with you on the 23d day of January, 1891, respecting damages to my property on lots 3 and 4 of block 214, Campbell's Addition to El Paso, caused by changing and elevating the grade and surface of Magoffin street, and placing a sewer and embankment in the alley of said block, in rear of said lots, I now petition you and apply for redress, satisfaction, compensation and relief in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.00) for the injury and damage so done to my said property.

Very Respectfully, Wyndham Kemp.

The City Clerk was instructed to make suitable reply to communication from the Fire Department.

The following petition in reference to South Stanton St. was referred to the Streets & Grades Com.

El Paso, Texas, March 20th, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: The undersigned, property owners of South Stanton Street would respectfully represent to your Honorable body that Whereas on the 15th day of August, 1890, your Hon. body ordered S. Stanton street graded and graveled, from its intersection with San Antonio St. to its intersection with Seventh St. and Whereas, in pursuance of said resolution said contract was let, and Whereas, on the 22d day of November your Hon. body, at the request of Mr Jos. Magoffin, granted permission to the El Paso Street Railway Co. to take up its track along Stanton St. for the purpose of extending its line to the Fair Grounds, provided said track is replaced on Stanton street within six months from this date, and Whereas, it has been represented to your petitioners that the said Railway Company claims exemption from paying their pro rata assessment for said street improvement, and furthermore asks that the privilege of relaying their track on said South Stanton be extended for a period of five years. Now Therefore your petitioners ask that said Railway Co. pay its pro rata share for said street improvement, and furthermore that said Railway Co. relay their track, and operate their road within the time allowed by the aforesaid resolution of Nov. 22, 1890, and that in case of non-compliance on the part of the said Railway Co. with the requests of your petitioners, the right of way for South Stanton, st., granted to said Railway Company be declared forfeited, and your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

A. M. Loomis, Pennebaker & Hamilton, John Sorenson, M. W. Spencer
W. H. Rattenbury, Campbell Real Estate Co. by N. R. & C. agents, R. L. Mayer.

Regular Meeting, March 20, 1891 Continued.

A petition from J. Fisher Satterthwaite asking a duplicate for warrant No. 25, Street fund, issued April 30, 1888, for the sum of $60. and registered by the City Treasurer June 9th of the same year, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The bids of Joseph Zuard, William Caples, and M. Rokumo to pick down a stone crossing on South El Paso street at the North side of San Antonio street, were read and referred to the Streets and Grades Committee.

New Business

Sealed proposals will be received by the city council to 7:30 p. m., Friday, March 27, 1891 to furnish such teams as may be required by the city for maintenance of the public streets for the ensuing six months. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

G. E. BOVEE,
City Clerk.

El Paso, Texas, March 24, 1891.

On motion of Alderman Kelly, the City Clerk was directed to advertise for proposals to furnish teams for street work during the next six months.

The complaint against a dangerous adobe building on the corner of North Oregon and Main streets, was referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

The following Ordinance was adopted "with the consent of two thirds of all the aldermen elected", by the following vote: Yeas, Davis, Dieter, Kelly, Naegelin, Merrick, Papin and Solomon, 7. Nays, none. One vacancy in the 3d ward.

No. 35.

An Ordinance

(Published in El Paso Times March 22 to April 2, 1891)

Levying a Special Tax on all Lots and pieces of Ground, to the center of the Blocks fronting on St. Louis Street, from North Oregon Street to Mesa Avenue, and from North Campbell Street to Florence Street.

Section I. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That a special tax of two hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-five cents, ($234.65) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of grading and gravelling St. Louis Street, on all lots and pieces of ground, in and to the center of the blocks fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said St. Louis Street, so improved, from North Oregon Street to Mesa Avenue.

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

(Approved March 21, 1891.)

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

G. E. Bovee.
City Clerk.

Approved

Richard Caples Mayor.

Regular Meeting, March 20, 1891. Continued.

The following petition was presented and read:

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Regular Meeting, March 20, 1891 Continued.

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New Business

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

(Approved March 21, 1891.)

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

G. E. Boyce.
City Clerk.

Approved

Richard Caples Mayor.

Regular Meeting, Friday, March 27, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27th, 1891.

Present, Mayor Richard Caples and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, Dan Kelly, Jerome McMaghan, W. B. Mounck, Louis Pelzer and Adolph Schwarz. G. Oberle & J. P. Dieter. Absent from 3rd wd.

The minutes of the last regular meeting (Mar. 20, 1891) were read and approved.

The City Engineer presented the following report of Street work:

El Paso, Texas, March 27, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: A. T. Rea has completed his contract to grade and gravel South Texas Street from San Francisco Street to Second Street, and I submit the work to you with my approval. The displacement on the following contracts is as follows:

From San Francisco Street to Stevens Street.	95 84/100 cubic yards per front foot	858.25
Stevens Street to West Crockett Street.	65	223.84
West Crockett Street to Second Street.	7.565/100	76.04

In the Stevens subdivision, as the plat works the City Clerk, the credits will be given to property owners for work done in front.

(Signed) S. E. Campbell, City Engineer.

The report was considered, the work accepted and the City Atty instructed to prepare an Ordinance levying a special tax to defray the cost of the improvement.

(Alderman Dieter's seat was declared vacated by his absence.)

The City Engineer also presented the following report on Sewer extensions:

El Paso, Texas, March 27, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: In reference to the Sewer Extensions reported on one week ago, I have to report:

First: That the extension called for by W. S. Ole Coleman and others may be regarded as necessary, as the main sewer from the main at Second Street beginning at the intersection of Second and Crockett Streets, thence through the alley on Blocks Nos. 30, 31, 32 and 33, Magoffin Addition. From this point it may be run north and half through land blocks - thus serving the district adjacent. This extension will be more conducive to the public health if it may be extended into the two additional blocks as indicated on the plan. The above extension will cost $1050.00.

Second: The extension of the main on Second Street to the Hospital Sewer, which is to be made, will be made either at an expense of $225.00.

The total extension will cost $1275.00. The main pipe, and both of Uhde Kayser and the main hole.

(Signed) S. E. Campbell, City Engineer.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee of W. S. Ole Coleman and others, was passed:

The City Engineer was authorized to purchase a car load of Sewer pipe of such size as may be required for present work, pending work.

The motion of Alderman Davis that Council adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28th, 1891.

Carried.

C. E. Bowen, City Clerk.

Richard Caples, Mayor.

Adjourned Meeting, Saturday, March 28, 1891.

Council Chamber, City Hall, El Paso, Texas.

The City Council met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28th, 1891.
Present: Mayor Richard Couples and the following aldermen: M. B. Davis, J. P. Dicker, Dan Kelly, J. W. Magoffin, Louis Papin and Adolph Solomon, 6. Absent: W. B. Merrick. One vacancy in the 3rd ward.

The **Streets & Grades Committee**, Chairman Solomon, reported in favor of accepting the following bid to put down **Stone Crossing** on South El Paso Street:

To the Hon. City Council, El Paso, Texas, March 26th, 1891.

Gentlemen: I hereby agree to put down crossing and curbing as advertised by your City Engineer on the day of 1891 according to the specifications furnished by you in conformity to all the regulations of your City Charter, for the following prices for the work completed.

Stone Crossing, per square foot, 75¢
Curbing 80¢

(Signed) Wm. Couples.

The report was adopted and the bid accepted.

The Committee also reported in favor of putting down kerb and gravel sidewalks and stone curbing on Mesa Avenue along the East side of the park and recommended that the work be done as petitioned for by the Park Commissioner, but doubted the propriety of erecting a retaining wall along the North side at present.

The report of the committee was adopted in reference to sidewalks and curbing, and the City Engineer instructed to advertise for proposals to do the work.

The question of putting up a retaining wall on the North side of the park was referred back.

The committee was granted further time to accept work on East and West Overland Streets.

The committee reported favorably upon the petition of A. M. Loomis and others, presented to the Council March 20th.

The City Clerk was instructed to communicate with the El Paso City Railway Company and ascertain its intentions in reference to replacing their track on South Stanton Street.

The committee reported favorably upon the petition of W. R. Austin and others to improve San Antonio Street, and offered the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 6 — Pub. Mon. 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19.

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That it is considered necessary to grade and gravel San Antonio Street from its intersection with South El Paso Street, to its intersection with Cotton Avenue; and be it further

Resolved That it is also considered necessary to grade and gravel Cotton Avenue from its intersection with San Antonio Street to its intersection with Magoffin Avenue; and be it further

Resolved That it is also considered necessary to grade and gravel Magoffin Avenue from its intersection with the west line of Brown Street to its intersection with Cotton Avenue.

The report was approved and the resolutions were adopted.

Pay Roll No. 20 — The **Finance Committee**, Chairman Papin, presented the City Officers pay roll for March amounting to $1,765.80 which was approved and warrants ordered in payment of the same.

The committee reported that the report of the Chief had been checked over by the Chairman and City Clerk, and found to be correct. The reports of the City Clerk and the Assessor and Collector were also correct.

At the request of the Chief of Police a fire record was authorized to be purchased by the City Clerk.

The following report from the **Accounts Committee** was read:

El Paso, Texas, March 27, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council

Gentlemen: The Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the question as to who should pay for the flume across Leon Street, respectfully make the following report:

We find, upon investigation, that the Accounts had the right of way before the street was laid out, and that, as it was necessary to flume the street in order to perfect the grade, that the cost of the flume should be added to the assessment of Leon Street, between West Overland and First Streets. The work of fluming the street is now complete and amounts to the sum of Eighteen Dollars and forty cents, as per bill annexed.

(Signed) W. B. Merrick, J. W. Magoffin, Leigh Clark, City Atty.

The report and recommendations were adopted.

Adjourned Meeting, Saturday, March 28, 1891, Continued.

The Police Committee, chairman Magoffin, reported favorably upon the petition of J. L. Aubry, for the appointment of Noah Moker and Chas Westbrooke as Special Police for the service of the Maria Dillon agency, without pay from the city.

Also favorably upon the petition of J. W. Morgan as Special Policeman in the service of the El Paso Street Railway Company.

The report was approved and the appointments made with the consent of the Board of Aldermen.

The Building Committee, acting chairman Magoffin, reported that the distribution upon the falling adobe walls on Main and North Oregon Streets had been removed.

Bills and Communications.

The Sewer Commissioners pay roll, amounting to $658.00 and that of the Street Commissioner for $362.50, both for the week ending, March 28th, 1891, were read and approved.

A petition from F. B. Cone, asking an extension of time to complete his contract for constructing the sewer upon Mississippi, Second and Sonora Streets was referred to the Sewer Commissioners.

The following petition was presented and read:

El Paso, Texas, March 27, 1891.

To the Hon. City Council.

Gentlemen: Your petitioner respectfully represents that on the 18th day of February last, Pablo Duran was convicted in the Recorder's Court of the City of El Paso of carrying concealed weapons, which conviction is for a fine of $100.00 or serve 101 days imprisonment. That he has already served 37 days, and has paid the Sheriff a portion of the fine, for the following reasons: First: He is poor and unable to pay the balance of the fine. Second: He is a young man and did not know he was violating the law. Third: He is a very quiet, peaceable man and has never been before been convicted for any crime.

That the balance due on the fine, is $63.00, which with the 37 days he has served would make an amount equal to $52.00.

(Signed) Pablo Duran, Dolores Duran.

The petition was granted and the Chief of Police instructed to release the prisoner on payment of $16.00.

A petition from J. F. Crane, Sheriff, asking the appointment of Charles Considine as Special Policeman for the service of the Fort Bliss and El Paso R. R. Co. without pay from the city, was read and the appointment made with the consent of the Board of Aldermen.

The bids of Chas. S. Pomeroy, W. W. Briggs and B. E. Mayer to furnish teams for St. Work upon the side of F. B. Cone to repair sidewalks on the North side of Mesa Avenue, were read and referred to the Streets and Drains Committee.

New Business.

The action of the Mayor and clerk in drawing warrants on the proper funds to meet the interest coupons on the Fire Bonds, and the Funded Indebtedness Bonds, was approved.

The [illegible] hundred on the First Ward for school purposes was declared exempt from taxation for 1890.

The following Ordinance was adopted with the consent of two thirds of all the aldermen elected, by the following vote: Ayes, Davis, Dake, Kelly, Magoffin, Pulfrey and Solomon 6. Nays, none. Absent, M. B. Merrick.

No. 66.

An Ordinance

Sub. Ems. March 28, 30, 31, Apr. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1891

Levying a Special Tax on all Lots and Pieces of Ground, in the Center of each Block fronting on East Overland Street from South El Paso Street to South Kansas Street.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That a special tax of one hundred and five dollars and eighty-five cents ($105.85) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of constructing the sewer upon East Overland Street, on all lots and pieces of ground fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said East Overland Street, as improved, in and to the center of the Block, No. 14, Mills' Map of the City of El Paso.

Section 2. Be it further ordained that a Special tax of one hundred and twenty-one dollars and forty-three cents ($121.43) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of constructing the said sewer upon the East Overland Street, on all lots and pieces of ground fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said East Overland Street, as improved, in and to the center of block No. 14, Mills' Map of the City of El Paso.

Adjourned Meeting, Saturday, March 28, 1891. Continued.

Section 3: Be it further ordained that a Special tax of one hundred and seventy-three dollars and ninety-four cents, ($173.94) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of constructing tar and gravel sidewalks on East Overland Street, on all lots and pieces of ground fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said East Overland Street, so improved, in and to the center of Block No. 34, Mills Map of the City of El Paso.

Section 4: Be it further ordained that a Special tax of one hundred and thirty dollars, ($130.00) be, and the same is hereby levied, to defray the cost of Constructing tar and gravel sidewalks on East Overland Street, on all lots and pieces of ground fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said East Overland Street, so improved, in and to the center of Block No. 13, Mills Map of the City of El Paso.

Section 5: Be it further ordained that a Special tax of two hundred and eighty-three dollars and forty cents, ($283.40) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of constructing tar and gravel sidewalks on East Overland Street, on all lots and pieces of ground fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said East Overland Street, so improved, in and to the center of Block No. 35, Mills Map of the City of El Paso.

Section 6: Be it further ordained that a Special tax of Sixty-five dollars and forty cents, ($65.40) be and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of constructing tar and gravel sidewalks on East Overland Street on all lots and pieces of ground fronting on, or adjacent to and fronting upon the said East Overland Street, so improved, in and to the center of Block No. 36, Mills Map of the City of El Paso.

Section 7: Be it further ordained that a tax of one hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-eight cents, ($134.68) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of constructing tar and gravel sidewalks on East Overland Street, on all lots and pieces of ground fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said East Overland Street, so improved, in and to the center of Block No. 36, Mills map of the city of El Paso.

Section 8: Be it further ordained that a Special tax of two hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty cents, ($262.60), be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of constructing tar and gravel sidewalks on East Overland Street, on all lots and pieces of ground, fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said East Overland Street, so improved, in and to the center of Block No. 107, Campbells Addition to the city of El Paso.

Section 9: Be it further ordained that a tax of two hundred and fifty-three dollars and fifty cents, ($253.50) be, and the same is hereby levied to defray the cost of constructing tar and gravel sidewalks on East Overland St. on all lots and pieces of ground fronting on, or adjacent to and abutting upon the said East Overland Street, so improved, in and to the center of Block No. 38, Mills map of the City of El Paso.

Section 10: Be it further ordained that such taxes shall be due and payable from and after the passage of this ordinance, and if not paid within thirty days after such date, the same shall have added thereto a penalty of ten per cent, and shall bear interest from the day of sale at the rate of twenty-five per centum per annum, to be computed on the tax, penalty and costs, as provided by section 141, of the City Charter.

Section 11: Be it further ordained that this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Approved March 28, 1891.

The committee on **Fire and Water** was instructed to bring in a report in reference to sewer extension in the Second ward as petitioned for by W. S. McCutcheon and other citizens.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Approved.

Richard Caples Mayor.

G. E. Bovee,
City Clerk.