Regular Meeting Thursday May 3rd 1906

Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso, Texas, May 3rd 1906

Council met in regular session on the above day and date with Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following Aldermen answered to roll call, Badger, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Kitt and Rand, 6. absent Caples, and Look.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with

"Report of Officers"

City Atty to whom was referred the following resolution recommended that the resolution be adopted.

Resolution to open up Roosevelt Ave

Motion was made and duly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

The Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of resolution to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows: Yeas, Badger, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Kitt and Rand, 6, Nays None, absent Caples and Look.

Thereupon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the resolution the same be and is hereby adopted.

The resolution above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to wit:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso Texas,

That Whereas, in order to open up Roosevelt Avenue it is necessary to take lot numbered fifty two (No 52) in block numbered twenty three (No 23) according to the revised map of Sunset Heights addition to the City, for which the City Council desires to make just compensation.

And Whereas D Storms, without any compensation from the City, is to assist the City Attorney in proceeding to purchase or condemn said lot,

Now therefore, be it resolved that D Storms as such assistant for and upon behalf of the City, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to make an offer to the owners of said lot, of five hundred dollars ($500.) therefor.

And in the event that the owners of said lot refuse to accept such offer, that City Attorney R. F. Burges and attorney D. Storms are hereby authorized and directed to institute proceedings for the City against such owners

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for the Condemnation of said lot, and to prosecute the same in the manner set forth in section 148 of the Charter of the City.

Mayor authorized to draw warrant to Coffin judgment

City Atty recommended that the Mayor be authorized to draw warrant to pay the balance due on the C. O. Coffin judgment,

on motion made and carried that the Mayor was authorized to draw warrant according to City Attys recommendations.

Clerk read the following report.

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Report of City Engineer on grade maps

Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of El Paso Tex

Gentlemen:

On April 12th 1906 your honorable body adopted by and through the recommendations of Alderman Fiwol of the Street Grade Committee a number of grade profiles of various streets in the City of El Paso, which profiles are in serious conflict with other and former old established grades, these profile maps were filed in my office subsequent to said date.

I now respectfully call your attention to the fact that this action of the City Council is causing confusion, and if adhered to will, I fear, result in suits against the City.

As City Engineer I feel bound by these last adopted profiles and am giving grades accordingly

Respectfully submitted

Geo C Shumberly

City Engineer

on motion made and carried the above report was received and ordered filed.

Report of City Clerk on building permits for April

City Clerk submitted the following report of building permits for the month of April.

Total Number of permits issued 36		
" " " " " at $1.00 — 28		$28.00
" " " " " " .50 8		4.00
		32.00
Less 25% Commission		8.00
Settlement by Treasurers receipt No 1838		24.00

on motion the report was received and ordered filed.

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Clerk read and submitted the following report

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Report of City Clerk for Cash Collections for April

To the Hon Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen.

I beg to submit the following report of cash receipts for the month of April other than building permits.

F. M. Hodges a/c ticket to Denver	$14.40
Neal Freed " " " San Antonio	4.65
W. H. Mooney " " " Chicago	21.90
Chis Baumbauer " " " Pueblo	12.05
Fred G Lemly refund of cost in case #3997	3.00
G. L. Hitt refund of unused expense money on pasing trip	16.00
Inter L + P Co Licenses	25.00
Total	398.00

Respectfully submitted
Percy McGhee
City Clerk

On motion made and carried the report was received and filed

Clerk read and submitted the following report

El Paso Texas May 3rd 1906

To the Hon Mayor + City Council
Gentlemen:

Report of City Clerk interest paid in April

I beg to submit the following report of warrants drawn to pay interest on outstanding bonds.

~~Street~~ Improvement Bonds, District No 16 6 mos	4375.00
Exchange on above	10.93
Total	$4385.93

Respectfully Submitted
Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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

Report of Plumb. Inspector for April

Clerk read the following report.

El Paso Texas May 1st 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen:

I beg to hand you herewith my report for the month of April. During said month I have

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made 40 inspections and collected one hundred and six & 75/100 Dollars (106 75/100) as per Treasurers receipt herewith attached.

Very respectfully
V. E. Lukhorn
Plumbing Inspector

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

Report of City Electrician for April

Clerk read the report of City Electrician for the month of April 1906 showing Collection of $50 80
On motion made and carried the report was received & filed.

Street & Grade Committee

Chairman Fewel read the following petition.

El Paso, Texas, April 29th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen

Petition of El Paso Electric Ry Co to erect light posts on streets. granted

Respectfully requests your petitioner the El Paso Electric Railway Company, for the right to erect, equip and maintain along the streets of your City ornamental iron poles for the purpose of supporting arc lamps along said streets. Said poles to become the property of the abutters on said streets, but to be erected and maintained by your petitioner.

Your petitioner respectfully represents;
1. That the poles in question shall be of ornamental and substantial construction subject to the approval of the Street & Grade Committee of your board, or such other committee as you shall designate for the purpose.
2. That the lights there from suspended shall be operated from dusk until eleven o'clock in the evening daily, thus furnishing greatly increased light in the streets of your City during evening hours.
3. That the lights are to be paid for by the abutters on the street or streets in question at the rate of five $5.00/ Dollars per light per month, thus giving a large additional amount of street lighting above mentioned free of cost to the City, and thereby greatly enhancing the

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Beauty and progressive appearance of said streets

Respectfully Submitted
El Paso Electric Railway Co
by C.W. Kellogg Jr
Vice President & Manager

Chairman Fewel moved that the petition be granted for the term of 5 years. The motion was duly seconded and carried

Petition of Southern Ind'l Tel Co to open up certain streets

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

El Paso Texas, April 23rd 1906

The Southern Independent Telephone Company respectfully requests permission of the city of El Paso to open up sections of the following streets and alleys for the purpose of laying underground conduits.

Crossing Myrtle St. to basement of City Hall.
On north side of Texas street from Campbell to Florence
On Florence at alley South of Texas St. to pole in alley east.
On Florence st at corner of Magoffin to pole east.
Crossing Overland St. to basement Court House, In alley east of El Paso, north of San Antonio to basement of Sheldon and to buildings east and west.
Crossing Overland st at alley east of Stanton to pole north.
In alley east of El Paso south of San Antonio to buildings east and west.
Crossing San Francisco St, at corner of El Paso to basement of building north, Crossing San Francisco St at alley west west of El Paso to pole in alley north and to buildings in alley south. Crossing Texas St between Oregon and Mesa to Buildings north and south. On west side of Mesa St, to basement of Angelus Hotel.
On north side of Franklin st at alley east of Oregon to pole in alley north.
Crossing Franklin St at alley west of Oregon to pole in alley south. On North side of Franklin St at alley east of Mesa to pole in alley north.
On North side of Franklin St. At alley east of Stanton to pole in alley north.
On North side of Franklin St at alley east of Kansas St

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to pole in alley North. On north side of Missouri St at alley west of Oregon to pole in alley north. on north side of Missouri st to pole in alley west of El Paso.
On north side of Missouri St at alley west of El Paso St to pole on Missouri west.
On motion made and carried the petition was granted.

"Sanitary Committee"

Petition of Mountain Side Realty Co for sewer connection

Chairman Badger to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be granted

El Paso, Texas. April 2nd 1906

Hon J. B. Badger Chairman Sanitary Committee, City of El Paso Texas, and to the Hon Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:

We wish to make application for sewer connection and for the extension of the sewer system in Golden Hill add as follows. Along the alley in blocks 2 & 5 Golden Hill add, along the alley in block 1 Golden Hill add, which alleys and right of way across streets for said sewer line is hereby dedicated to the City and the public.

There is a house being built in block 1 at the present time, and construction of a house will start at once on lots 24 & 25, block 2. and also on lots 11-12-13-14 in block 5.

We wish to represent to your Hon body that we are making a first class residence section of this addition that we have spent Forty Thousand dollars $40,000. in the last ten months in grading and leveling lots in this addition; that we have reclaimed about 20 acres of land that was absolutely waste before we took hold of it, which will now be a part of the best residence section of the City. that we propose to carry along the same line of improvement until we have improved 480 lots. The property which we are improving will bring a big revenue to the City, as it will come in as first class property for assessment.

We enclose you a map of this addition as it exists today. This map is not completed, but as the ground is leveled and graded. the lots will be laid out as per the lines showing extent of this addition. We hope

you will give this matter prompt attention so we can have sewers in this addition at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly
Mountain Side Real Estate Co
by E Moye
President

attst
H. H. Austin
Secretary.

Petition of C.E. Levy for Sewer extension.

On Motion made and carried the above petition was granted.

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

El Paso, Texas, April 26th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council

We the undersigned property owners respectfully request that you extend the sewer line from its present terminus, in the alley between Nevada and California Streets, Westward across Noble st, a distance of about 150 ft. Our house now about complete that needs extension above mentioned

Respectfully submitted
C E Levy
+ others

On Motion made and carried the above petition was granted

Water main for Pest House authorized

Chairman Badger moved that J.J. Connors Supt of Pest house be authorized to have water main laid from the International Water Co's main near the Brewery to the pest house. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Finance Committee.

Chairman Rand recommend that the following payrolls and bills be allowed and ordered paid

Payrolls for April

Police Dept	Payroll April	$ 3032.05
Health "	" " "	460.00
Sewer "	" " "	411.50
City Officials	" " "	1776.65
Engineering "	" " "	338.00
Fire "	" " "	1035.00
Street + Grade	" 4 weeks end May 3rd	286.49

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H. A. Keeyer	Bill for hrs for park	$167.02
V. E. Luhorn	Services	106.75
Mrs Sullivan	Feeding prisoners	129.00

On motion made and carried the the above payroll and bills were allowed and ordered paid.

Building Committee,

Chairman Grant to whom was referred the following petition recommended that it be received and filed.

Petition of Mrs Anna McNeal frame stable.

El Paso Texas April 14 1906

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen;

The undersigned would respectfully represent that she is the owner of lot no 1 in block 10, Fatherwaites addition to the City of El Paso, Texas, at the junction of prospect and Upson avenues, that there has been erected without permission of the City Council, a frame stable on the adjoining lot, being lot 2 of said block fronting Prospect avenue; that this stable is in violation of the City Ordinances and your petitioner respectfully petitions your Hon body to take such steps as may be necessary to have same removed on account of the menace to the adjoining property

Very respectfully

Mrs Anna McNeal

On motion being made and carried the petition was denied

"Communications"

Petition of El Paso Electric Supply Co for Ord on Electric wiring

Clerk read petition of El Paso Electric Supply Co relative to Ordinance on electric wiring.

The petition was referred to Orddinance and Fire and Water Committee.

Petition of A Ortega re reduction tax

Clerk read petition of A Ortega relative to reduction of taxes

The petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of R E Harris re reduction tax

Clerk read petition of R. E. Harris relative to reduction of taxes

The petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Clerk read petition of Mary I Smith in regards to taxes.

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The petition was referred to taxation Committee.

Petition of El Paso Electric Ry Co ratification of Park Lease

Clerk read petition of El Paso Electric Ry Co for ratification of lease of Washington park

The petition was referred to City Attorney.

New Business

Finance Com authorized to call for bids on printing

It was moved that the Finance Committee be authorized to call for bids on City printing, the motion was duly seconded and carried.

Special Com appointed to report on shop in block 83 Frank Hgts

On motion the Mayor appointed Hammett, Caud & Badger as a special Committee to report on shop being built in block 83 Franklin Heights to report at next regular meeting

There being no further business the Council adjourned over until Friday May 4th at 10 oclock am for the purpose of reading of the minutes.

Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Regular Ajourned Meeting Friday May 4th 1906

Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso Texas May 4th 1906

Council met in adjourned regular session on the above day and date at 10 oclock A.M. Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following Aldermen answered to roll call. Badger, Grant, Hammett, Hitt, & Rand, 5 absent Caples, Fewel & Look.

Minutes of Adjourned Special Meeting held March 30th read & approved
Minutes of Adjourned Special Meeting held March 31st read and approved

"	"	"	"	"	"	April	2nd	"	"
"	"	Special	"	"	"		3rd	"	"
"	"	Regular	"	"	"		5	"	"
"	"	Adjourned Regular	"	"	"		6	"	"
"	"	Regular	"	"	"		12	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"		19	"	"
"	"	Adjourned	"	"	"		21	"	"
"	"	Regular	"	"	"		26	"	"

Alderman Badger stated that the Sewer Dept was in need of more sewer pipe.

Sanitary Com authorized to purchase 3 Cars Sewer pipe

On motion made and carried the Sanitary Committee was authorized to order 3 cars of sewer pipe.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved
Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Regular Meeting Thursday May 10th 1906

Council Chamber City Hall

El Paso Texas May 10th, 906

Council met in regular session on the above day and date with Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answering to roll call. Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Haimmett and Rand, 6 absent Look + Hill.

The reading of the minutes of last regular meting dispensed with.

Mayor's Report.

Report of Mayor on viaduct and appointing special com to take up matter.

Mayor Davis stated to the City Council that he had taken up the matter of viaduct across the G.H. & S.A. and El Paso & S.W. Rys at some point East of Campbell street, and that the roads had signified their willingness to go into the matter. Therefore he would appoint as a special Committe to take the viaduct question up Aldermen Fewel, Haimmett + Grant.

Repot of Officers

City Atty Burges to whom was referred the following petition recommended that it be granted

Report of City Atty on ratification of park Contract with El Paso Elect Ry Co

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of El Paso, Tex.

The El Paso Electric Railway Company respectfully represents that it has entered into a lease contract with J.K. Boone under which it is to take charge of and operate the property known as Washington park for a period of fin and one half (5½) months, and at the option of your petitioner said lease and Contract may be, at the expiration of said period of fin and one half (5½) months extended for a period of seven month longer, or any fractional part of said seven months.

Under the lease Contract from you to said J. K. Boone it is provided that said premises cannot be sub let without your approval and consent, and the undersigned therefore respectfully requests that you ratify the subleasing of said premises known as Washington Park, and which includes all of the buildings and grounds enclosed by fences, as well as the large adobe building on the western line of said enclosure

Respectfully submitted

El Paso Electric Railway Co

by C. W. Kellogg Jr

Mgr

A resolution consenting to the sub-lease of Washington Park

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Resolution ratifying lease of Washington park to El Paso Electric Ry Co

was introduced and read. Motion was made and duly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

The Mayor ordered the roll upon the adoption of the resolution to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows, Yeas, Badger, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hammett and Rand. 6. Nays none, absent Hitt & Look.

Whereupon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the roll of the City Council having been cast in favor of the resolution the same be and is hereby adopted.

The resolution above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to wit:

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

That the City of El Paso hereby consents to the subleasing of Washington Park by J. H. Boone to the El Paso Electric Railway Company as set forth in the accompanying copy of said lease, subject to all terms and conditions of the original lease from the City of El Paso to the said Boone, Provided however, that this action shall not in any other way whatsoever affect the status of the existing lease or contract between the said Boone and the City of El Paso.

The agreement and lease above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to wit:

The State of Texas }
County of El Paso }

This agreement and lease, made by and between J. H. Boone party of the first part, and the El Paso Electric Railway Company, a corporation acting herein by its manager C. W. Kellogg Jr party of the second part,

Witnesseth: That the said party of the first part hereby leases to the said party of second part what is known and commonly called and designated as "Washington Park", a pleasure resort in the County of El Paso, Texas, about two and one half miles easterly from the Court House in said County, and by which is meant all that portion of Washington Park inclosed by fence and buildings thereon now conducted and managed by the said J. H. Boone, said lease to begin on this date, and to terminate on the 15th

day of October, 1906.

The said party of the second part in consideration of the premises, hereby agrees to pay to the said J.H. Boone as rental for said property the sum of three Thousand ($3,000) dollars, for said period of time said rental money to be paid on the 15th day of May, June, July, August & September to the State National Bank of El Paso, Texas, for account of said Boone.

It is, however, expressly agreed and understood that if, at the expiration of said time on the 15th day of October 1906, the said party of the second part desires to extend said lease for one, two, three, four, five, six, or seven months longer, it shall have the right to do so upon the payment on the 15th day of each month so extended to the said J.H. Boone, the sum of six hundred ($600) dollars as the lease and rental money for said premises.

The property hereby leased includes the inclosure known as Washington Park, all the buildings and other improvements with said inclosure, and the fixtures, furniture and appointments of all of said buildings and improvements, and if this lease is extended as above provided, it shall be so extended upon the same terms, and stipulations as are agreed upon for the present lease term, beginning may 1st 1906 and ending october 15th 1906.

The said party of the first part J.H. Boone, hereby covenants and agrees, in consideration of the premises, that he will furnish all the water necessary for the use of the buildings and improvements upon said park or in said inclosure free of cost to the said party of the second part, and will also furnish all the water necessary for the irrigation of all plants, shrubbery, and trees upon the grounds of said park within said inclosure, and will furnish the necessary labor to keep said grounds, trees, gardens, shrubs, and flowers in proper condition, free of cost to said party of the second part. The said party of the second part, however, is to keep the drive way next to said park in condition at its own expense.

In testimony whereof the party of the first ~~part~~ and second parts have hereunto in duplicate set their hands and scrolls for seals this the first day of may, 1906.

J.H. Boone.

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El Paso Electric Railway Company
By C. H. Kellogg Jr
manager

State of Texas }
County of El Paso }

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeard J. H. Boon, to me well known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he signed and executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed.

And at the same time personally appeard before me C. H. Kellogg Jr. to me known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the forgoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he signed and executed the same for the purpose and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity stated, and as the act and deed of said Corporation the El Paso Electric Railway Company.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the first day of May, 1906.

Seal

Leigh Clark
Notary Public in and for
El Paso County Texas.

Ordinance Unlawful Conduct business that is Noisy or obnoxious

Clerk read an Ordinance making it unlawfull for any person to conduct any business that is noisy or obnoxious in certain localities.

On motion the ordinance was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Street and Grade

Petition of R. L. Dorbandt side walk grade

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

El Paso Texas April 19th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen;

The undersigned respectfully request that the City Engineer give the proper grade for side walk in front of lots 25 and E/p of 24 and lots 44 + 45 in block 12 Sunset Heights

Respectfully submitted
R. L. Dorbandt.

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on motion made and carried the petition was granted.

Petition of C S Pickerell side walk grade granted

Chairman Fewel to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the petition be granted.

El Paso, Texas. April 18. 1906.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council El Paso Texas.

The writer respectfully requests that he be given the official grade for walk fronting his property at 705 N Florence street, at as early a date as you can conveniently have it done

Yours very truly
C. S. Pickerell

F.W.

on motion made and carried the petition was granted.

Petition of J K Tetherville side walk grade granted

Chairman Fewel to whom was refered the following petition recommended that the petition be granted.

El Paso, Texas. April 18, 1906

The Hon. Mayor and Council, El Paso, Texas,

Gentlemen;

The undersigned wishes to build a cement walk and curb fronting his property on 703 N Florence Street and requests that he be given grade thereat at the early convenience of the city engineer.

Very respectfully
James K Tetherville

On motion the above petition was granted.

Petition of A Dehoarty side walk grade granted

Chairman Fewel to whom was refered the following petition recommended that it be granted.

El Paso Texas April 17th 1906

The City Council of El Paso Texas.

Gentlemen

I own property at the corner of the intersection of North El Paso street with Boulvard street, and desire to build around same cement curb and side walk. The official grade at this point has not been established and I would request your honorable body to have same established at once to the end that I may make such improvements.

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improvements

Yours truly

A. Shwartz.

On motion made and carried the above petition was granted.

City Atty authorized to draw up proper papers for property obstructing overland Street

Chairman Fewel moves that the parties that have obstructions in East overland be paid ($100) each for removal of obstructions, and that the City Attorney be authorized to draw up proper papers for same. On motion made and carried the recommendations were ordered carried out.

Sanitary Committee

Chairman Badger read the weekly report of Food Inspector for week ending May 10th 1906.

On motion the report was received and filed.

Street & Grade Committee.

Pay roll Street & Grade work end May 10th

Chairman Reed recommends that the pay roll of Street & Grade Dept for the week ending May 10th 1906 be allowed and ordered paid

Street and Grade Dept	Week ending May 10	$248.37
Free Library Allowance	Month of May	25.00
Civic Imp League	" of April	100.00

for April

On motion made and carried the above payroll and bills were allowed and ordered paid.

"Building Committee"

Report of Building Com on amending Building permit Ordinance

Chairman Grant to whom was referred the matter of building permits submitted the following report

To the Hon Mayor and City Council.

Your Committee on Buildings beg leave to make the following report and recommendations.

1st; That Section 52 of the ordinance regulating the issuance of building permits be amended so as to read as follows. "It shall be the duty of the City Clerk to keep a register and account of all said building and permits issued, and he shall under the directions of the Mayor issue such permits as herein provided for, and for each permit and before the issuance thereof the City Clerk shall demand and receive a fee of .50¢ if the estimate cost of said dwelling or building is $500. or less, and $1.00 if the estimate cost is more than $500. and for every $500 estimate cost over and above

$1000. he shall recive a fee of 25 cents, all fees shall go to ~~the~~ and be received by the City of El Paso.

2nd The City Clerk may require all persons applying for a building permit to certify under oath the estimate cost of of the building to be erected.

3rd. The City Council may at anytime appoint some competent person to inspect any building for which a permit has been issued or any unsafe or dangerous building within the City of El Paso and he shall recive for his services such compensation as the City Council may deem proper.

4th We recommend that this report be referred to the City Attorney and that he be instructed to prepare an amendment to the building ordinance along the lines suggested in this report.

Respectfully submitted
J. T. Grant Chairman
Building Committee

On motion the report was received and referred to the City Attorney.

Fire and Water Committee

Petition of J Armstrong for 2 arc lights on San Francisco St + moving

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

El Paso Texas April 12th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of El Paso

Gentlemen;

The undersigned property owners owning property on San Francisco Street would respectfully call Your attention to the condition of this street at the present time, and would respectfully represent that since the occupancy of the union depot this street has become one of the main thorough fares of the City and especially used by the traveling public, a large number of whom are visiting El Paso for the first time, and their impression of the City is not the best owing to the fact that three blocks of the street are at present unsprinkled, and the large increase of travel makes the street very dusty in the unsprinkled portions. This dust not only effects the immediate streets but blows in large clouds into the business portion.

We would also represent that the street is very poorly lighted, and telephones poles and fire hydrants encroach on

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the sidewalks, from the fact that in some instances the poles were set under the supposition that the side walks would be ten feet wide when as they are twelve feet wide, Therefor, we would respectfully petition your honorable body to first order the sprinkling of the three blocks to the Union Depot Grounds, second, two additional Street lights, third, the moveing of all electric lights and telephone poles and fire hydrants that encroach on the sidewalks, fourth, the giveing of grades with proper grade stakes for sidewalk building in order that the property owners may proceed with the laying of sidewalks the entire length of the street, in compliance with ordinance recently passed.

Respectfully Submitted
D Aronstam +
others

On motion made and carried the above petition was granted and petition referred to City Engineer that he may see that the petition is complied with.

Communications

Petition of L M Crawford building permit

Clerk read petition of L. M. Crawford for building permit to erect a Summer Theatre on San Antonio Street,
On motion the petition was refered to Fire + Water Committee with power to act.

"New Business"

City Electrician A.T. Samsworth removed

Alderman Caples moved that Mr A.T. Samsworth be removed as City Electrician, the motion was duly seconded.
The Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the motion to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows.
Yeas, Badger, Caples, Ford, Grant, Hammett, Nays None, absent Fitt + Cook. Rand refused to vote.
Then upon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the motion the same be and is hereby adopted

Fire + Water Com + Mayor authorized to employ City Electrician

Alderman Hammett moved that the employment of a city Electrician be referred to the Fire + Water Committee and Mayor with power to act. the motion was duly seconded and carried.

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City Council invited to attend opening of East El Paso car line

Mr C. W. Kellogg Jr Manager of the El Paso Electric Ry Co invited all of the City officials to attend the opening of East El Paso line next Tuesday at 3 oclock.
On motion the invitation was accepted.

Alderman Hammett granted 2 weeks leave of absence

Alderman Hammett asks for two weeks leave of absence granted.

Ald Loock leave extended

Alderman Loocks request for extension of leave for 3 weeks longer was granted

There being no further business the Council adjourned
approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso Texas May 17th 1906

Council met in regular session on the above day and date with Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answering to roll call. Fewel, Hist and Rand 3. ~~and Rand, 5~~ absent Badger, Hammett, and Look, and Grant. Caples There being no quorum present the Council on motion adjourned over to Friday May 18th at 10:30 oclock a.m.

Approved

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Mayor

Adjourned Regular Meeting Friday May 18th 1906

Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso, Texas. May 18th 1906

Council met in adjourned regular session ~~on~~ the above day and date with Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answered to roll call, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hitt and Rand, absent Badger Haumett and Cook.

Minutes of regular meeting held may 3th 1906 read and approved
" of adjourned " " " " 4th " " " "
" of regular " " " 10th " " " "

Report of Officers

City Atty Burges submitted the following ratification for approval of the Council.

Baltimore, Md.
Ratification

Ratification Texas Bitulithic Co's Bond.

Know all men by these presents:

That the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, having its principal office in the City of Baltimore, said state, doth hereby ratify and confirm the action of its agents and attorney in fact, A. Coles, of El Paso Texas, in the execution by him of a certain bond in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000), required to be given by the Texas Bitulithic Company, a corporation organized under the laws of State of West Virginia, in favor of Charles Davis Mayor of the City of El Paso, and his successors in office and given in connection with a contract for the constructing and maintaining for a period of ten years certain street pavements, the said bond dated the 20th day of April, 1906.

In witness Whereof, the said The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company has caused these presents to be sealed with its corporate seal, duly attested by the signatures of its 3rd Vice President and Asst. Secretary, this the 10th day of May A.D. 1906.

The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company
by Richard Long
3rd Vice President
W. W. Smithington
Asst Secretary.

over

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State of Maryland }
City of Baltimore } ss:

On this 10th day of May A.D. 1906 before me a notary public of the State of Maryland, in and for said City, duly commissioned and qualified, personally appeared Richd. D. Lang, 3rd vice-President of The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, the principal office of which is situated in the City of Baltimore, with whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the 3rd Vice President of The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company; that he knows the Corporate seal of said Company; that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is such corporate seal; and that he signed said instrument as 3rd Vice President of said Company. The said Richd. D. Lang further says that he is acquainted with H. H. Symington and knows him to be the Asst Secretary of said Company; that the signature of the said H. H. Symington subscribed to said instrument, is the genuine handwriting of the said H. H. Symington.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at the City of Baltimore, the day and year above written.

(Seal)

A. D. Patrick
Notary Public

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

Report of City Electrician A. T. Dansworth for part of May

Clerk read the following report of City Electrician A. T. Dansworth for the 14 days of May. 1906.

Amount of fees collected for first 14 days of may $9.10

Showing Treasurers receipt for same.

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Report of Chief Police April referred

Clerk read report of Chief of Police for the month of April

On motion the report was referred to Police Com.

Street and Grade Com

Petition of G. Worley grade on Upson Ave

Clerk read the following petition.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of El Paso Texas.

Your petitioner, G. Worley, begs leave to ask your consideration

of the following matter.

That he owns two lots of land fronting on Upson Ave in said City and has built his home and resides on said lots. That when he built said home he was advised and believed that the grade of said avenue would never be raised and so believing that the grade of said avenue would never be raised and so believing he built said home with reference to the level of said avenue as it existed at that time,

That on or about April — 1906 your honorable body adopted a grade map of said Avenue. That if your honorable body shall hereafter pass an ordinance establishing the grade of said avenue in accordance with said grade map it will necessitate the raising of the sidewalk in front of your petitioner's home, and above his yard to an unreasonable, unnatural and unnecessary height.

Your petitioner believes and is also informed by persons of skill and understanding in such matters that it is for the best interest and the best improvement of said Avenue for its grade to remain as it now is and he hereby asks that it so remain.

And he further shows your honorable body that on or about May the 8th 1906 Mr — Huff gave him a grade of 25 inches for the side walk in front of his said home, and that if he is required to comply with said grade it will damage his home $1500.00 or more and he therefor earnestly asks that in the event your honorable body shall not let the grade of said Avenue remain as it now is and was at the time said home was built, but shall decide to pass an ordinance raising the grade of said avenue that such grade shall be raised only to such extent that the grade of his said sidewalk shall be at least 15 inches lower than said grade given him by said Mr Huff as aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted May 19th 1906

G Hooly

on Motion the above petition was denied.

Chairman Fuel moved that the street grade of Upson Avenue remain as it is now shown on profile adopted

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by the City Council remain as adopted. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

Finance Committee

Bills for approval allowed

Chairman Raud recommended that the following bills be allowed and ordered paid.

El Paso Daily Times	printing	Fire Dept			100
Western Elect Supply Co	supplies	"	"		437
Howard McPhtridge Co	"	"	"		785-
E. J. Kogelmier	"	"	"		420-
J. T. Rourke	shoeing	"	"		800
El Paso Elect Supply Co	supplies	"	"		270
Fassett + Kelley	"	"	"		675-
Minn + Smelter Supply Co	"	"	"		173
" " " "	"	"	"		700
Gus Monsen Co	"	"	"		60
Burton Lingo	"	"	"		246
Inter Light + Power Co	Light	"	"		433
" " " "	"	"	"		526
El Paso Fuel Co	Fuel	"	"	1	09 58
John Woods	clipping horses	"	"		500
H. A. Albirthal	repairs	"	"		375-
Pomroy Transfer Co	shoeing	"	"		800
" " "	"	"	"		5600
" " "	"	"	"		1600
Badger Fuel Co	Fuel	"	"		850
El Paso Elect Supply Co	supplies	"	"		60
Scott Rankin + Co	"	"	"		105-
El Paso Elect Ry Co	Lights	"	"		471
" " " "	"	"	"		482
Minn Smelter Supply Co	supplies	"	"		40
R. D. Richey	"	"	"		90
El Paso Fuel Co	Fuel	"	"	1	06 70
Shelton Paynes Arms Co	repairs	"	"		2010
F Torres	Cleaning Corral	"	"		475-
Fassett + Kelley	supplies	"	"		990
Tuttle Paint + Grass Co	"	"	"	1	020
Howard + McPhtridge Co	"	"	"		465-
Barmun Pottinger + Mitchell	Curb and side walk in parks			182	180
Inter States Co	Water			139	150
" Light + Power Co	Lights			106	400

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Fraser Bros	pipe for Park		20 99
E.E. Neff + Co	Coal		7 00
C.F. Beaty	repairs on furniture		1 7 00
Gryson Drug Co	Oil		4 00
Consumers Ice Co	Ice	City Hall	3 75
C.C. Shelton	supplies	" "	7 85
Inter Light + P Co	Light	" "	49 90
" " " "	"	" "	30 00
King Worley	repairs	" "	33 15
Ellis Bros	printing		24 75
" "	"		6 50
Star Stables	Hack hire		7 00
El Paso Evening News	printing		9 7 17
E.F. Burwick	cement side walks		66 50
" "	" "		66 15
Pass City Foundry	repairs	Street + Grade	6 75
Gus Momsen Co	"	" "	25 95
Mayor + Fewel	Feed	" "	45 45
West Texas Saddlery Co	repairs	" "	2 15
T.H. Bennett	Blacksmithing	" "	66 00
Pomroy Transfer Co	sprinkling	" "	92 400
Krakauer I + M	supplies	" "	3 75
Clifford Bros	"	Police Dept	1 50
Western Union Tel Co	Telegrams	" "	1 45
Shelton Paynes Arms Co	repairs	" "	11 95
Pomroy Transfer Co	Hack hire	" "	6 50
Star Stables	" "	" "	15 00
T.T. Spivy	Towels	" "	2 00
T.J. Hall	Miscellaneous	" "	18 00
T.J. Hall and	Repairs	" "	10 45
H.H. Springer	Furniture	" "	2 85
T.T. Spivy	Towels	City Hall	75
Texas Tel Co	Telegrams	" "	1 76
Western U Tel Co	"	" "	3 42
Street + Grade	Payroll week ending	May 17th	285 00
Sanitary Street cleaning	" " " "	" 3rd 10th	28 00
" " "	" " " "	" 17th	18 50

On Motion made and carried the above bills and payrolls were allowed and ordered paid.

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Communications

Petition of Frank Bell relative to paving Contract

Clerk read petition of Frank Bell relative to paving Contract
on motion the petition was referred to City Attorney.

Petition of H Lisenesky Co protesting on wood pile

Clerk read petition of The H Lisenesky Co & others protesting against wood being piled on South Fe Street.
On motion the petition was referred to Fire & Water Com

Petition of Baptist Church quit Claim Deed

Clerk read petition of the First Baptist Church for quit Claim deed Church property.
on motion the petition was referred to City Atty

Petition of Union Depot remission of Taxes

Clerk read petition of Union Depot Co for remission of taxes
on Motion the petition was referred to Taxation Com.

Petition of Duncan Campbell side walk grade

Clerk read petition of Duncan Campbell for sidewalk grade
on motion the petition was referred Street & Grade Com

Petition of Mundy & Foster relative to New Park

Clerk read communication from Mundy and Foster relative to New Park.
on Motion the communication was referred to City Engineer to report to City Council the probable cost of putting new park in proper condition

Petition of City Nat Bank excavate under side walk

Clerk read petition of City Nat Bank to excavate under side walk
on motion the petition was referred to St & Grade & City Atty.

New Business

E.R. Loomis appointed City Electrician

Mayor Davis reported that he had employed Mr E.R. Loomis as City Electrician.
Motion made and duly carried that the action of the mayor be ratified and the salary of City Electrician Loomis be fixed at $90. per month and $25 per month be allowed him for buggy hire.

Resolution awarding printing to El Paso Times

Chairman Rand of Finance Committee introduced the following resolution and moved that it be adopted. The motion being duly seconded the Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the resolution to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as

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as follows, Yeas, Caples, Fiwel, Grant, Kitt, and Rand, 5; Nays none absent Badger, Hammett, Look,

Thereupon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the resolution the be and is hereby adopted.

The resolution above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to, wit:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso;

That the City Attorney be and he is hereby instructed to prepare a contract with the Times Publishing Company to do the City printing at the same rates now paid to the News publishing Company and that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the City.

That upon the execution of such contract the El Paso Daily Times be declared the official paper of the City of El Paso.

There being no further business the Council adjoined

Approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso, Texas, May 24th 1906

Council met in regular session on the above day and date at 8 o'clock P.M. Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following Aldermen answered to roll call, Badger, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Kitt and Rand. absent, Caples, & Look.

Minutes of last regular meeting approved as read
Minutes of adjourned regular meeting held Friday may the 18th approved as read.

"Report of Officers"

Report of City Engineer Street Grades on Missouri Buchanan & Fisher

Clerk read report of City Engineer upon street grades on Missouri Buchanan, and Fisher Streets
On motion the report was referred to Street & Grade Com

Resolution relative to side walks & Curbs in paving Dist No 1

Clerk read resolution relative to paving side walks within the paving District No 1. Motion was duly made and seconded that the resolution be adopted.

The Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the resolution to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows: Yeas, Badger, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Kitt and Rand Nays, None. Absent Caples, & Look.

Whereupon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the resolution the same be and is hereby adopted.

The resolution above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to wit;

Whereas when the bids for paving within Improvement District No 1 in the City of El Paso were taken. bids were received for the Cost of Construction of Cement Curbs and guttering, and

Whereas it was provided in the contract for the paving within said District that the City should not be required to take or pay for any such Curbing and guttering, and

Whereas, the City has served notice upon all property owners in said District not having good Cement side walks and Curbs to forthwith Construct the same. and

Whereas it should be made known to the public that it is not the intention of the City Council to construct any side walk or curb in front of any private property, but

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it is intended that each and every owner shall be required to construct the same under the ordinances relating thereto. Now Therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso;

Section 1. That it is not the intention or purpose of the City to Construct any Curb or side walk in front of any private premises whatsoever and no part of any funds raised for paving in such District shall be devoted to said purpose.

Section 2. It is further resolved that no part of the moneys raised from the sale of the paving bonds for said District shall be devoted to the paving of any alley within said district until each and every street or part of street within said District shall have been paved as provided for in said paving Contract before referred to.

Mayor authorized to execute Quit Claim Deed to Albert J. Leslie

City attorney recommended that the Mayor be authorized to execute quit Claim Deed to Albert J. Leslie for north 25ft of lot 11 in block 36 Campbells Add.
on motion made and carried the mayor was duly authorized to execute the quit Claim deed above referred to.

Police Committee

Report of Chief police April

Chairman Kitt to whom was referred the Chief of Police Report for the month of April recommended that the report be received and filed. The report is as follows

Total amt of receipts for the month	$1165.50
Commissions paid Fin Coll and Asst City Atty	103.30
Bal as shown by Treasurers receipt No 1846	1062.20

on motion the report was received and filed.

Street and Grade Com

Petition of City Nat Bank referred to St & Grade Com

Chairman Fewel to whom was referred the petition of City National Bank recommended that the petition be granted on condition that the stairway is not placed near the alley
on motion the petition was referred to Street and Grade com with power to act.

Chairman Fewel to whom was referred the following petition recommended that it be denied

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El Paso Tex March 31st 1906

Petition of Ben Sweeney removal of Stone in Kansas Street

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

We the undersigned property owners on N Kansas St petition your Hon Board to remove the large stone in Kansas and California streets, There are a great deal of improvments going on for blocks beyond said stone, and for believe that it will be less expensive and dangerous to adjacent buildings to have said Stone removed at once, and your petitioners further agree to appropriate one hundred dollars towards removing the same from said streets,

There are now several large buildings under construction on Kansas Street, Near California St, and others contemplating to build soon

(Signed) Ben Sweeney
and others

on motion the petition was denied.

Ordinance regulating height of Cement Curbs in paving Dist No 1

Clerk read an Ordinance regulating the height of Cement Curbs in the City of El Paso.

motion made and seconded that the ordinance be adopted The Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the Ordinance to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows. Yeas. Badger. Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Hitt and Rand, Nays. None. absent Caples and Cook.

Whereupon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the ordinance the same be and is hereby adopted. The Ordinance above referred to is in words and figures as follows to wit:

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

Section 1, That hereafter the height of all cement curbs built or constructed within the limits of Improvment District No one of the City of El Paso, along any street where the official grade of same has been established square or public place therein shall be not less than Eighteen inches measuring downward from the official grade as established by the City Council for such street, square or public place, which grade shall be obtained by application to the City Engineer of the City of El Paso.

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Section 2.

It shall hereafter be unlawful for any owner, or for the agent of any owner of any property within Improvment District No one in the City of El Paso having a cement curb built or constructed in front of or along any property in said District in said City to build or to have built any such Curb of less than the hight required in the preceding section and it shall be unlawful for any cement Contractor or cement worker to construct any such curb within the said District in said City of less hight than that required in said preceding Section and anyone violating any provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction in the Corporation Court be fined in any sum not less than twenty five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

Section 3.

That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed and approved this 24th day of May 1906

Attest

Percy McGhee
City Clerk.

Charles Davis
Mayor

Sanitary Committee

Chairman Badger submitted weekly report of Food Inspector.

On motion the report was received and filed.

Ordinance Committee.

Ordinance repealing an ordinance granting franchise to Geo. Nicholas

Chairman Hitt had read an ordinance repealing an ordinance granting Street Ry franchise to Geo Nicholas and moved that the ordinance be adopted, the motion was duly seconded.

The Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the ordinance to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows, Yeas, Fewel, Hitt and Rand. 3. Nays Badger, Grant and Hammett. 3 absent Caples and Cook. There being a tie vote of the Council the Mayor voted Yea.

Whereupon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the ordinance the same be and is hereby adopted.

The Ordinance above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to wit:

An Ordinance repealing an ordinance passed April 1st 1905 granting unto Geo Nicklas a franchise for a lighting plant and street car line in the City of El Paso and an ordinance Amendatory thereof passed April 13th 1905-

Whereas on the first day of April 1905, the City of the City of El Paso passed an Ordinance granting unto Geo Nicklas and his assigns the right to construct and operate an electric lighting plant and electric street railway within the City of El Paso and on the 13th day of April, 1905, said Council passed an Amendatory ordinance amplifying such grant, and

Whereas in the judgment of the City Council the provisions of said ordinance and Franchise were entirely too broad and general and rights were granted to go upon and occupy certain streets, the use of which for said purposes would be greatly detrimental to the public, and

Whereas by the terms of such ordinance and franchise it was provided that the installation and construction of said electric lighting plant and electric street railway should commence within ninty days from the date of the passage of said ordinance and that not less than two miles of such electric railway within the City of El Paso should be completed and actually in operation within one year from said date and said provisions were a condition of the grant of said franchise and the passage of said ordinance, and

Whereas, the grantee did not commence in good faith within ninty days, nor did anyone for him or under him commence in good faith within said ninty days to install and construct said lighting plant and electric railway or either of them, or if they did commence they wholly abandoned said enterprise and upon notice from this Council to put streets occupied by them in good condition or to vacate and remove their tracks from them and thereupon said grantee or his assigns tore up and removed said tracks, and

Whereas more than one year has elapsed since the date of the passage of said ordinance and the granting of said franchise and since the date of said amendatory ordinance no track

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has been laid or constructed there under and no work has been done on said Electric lighting plant and there is not today in the City of El Paso any street railway laid under said franchise, nor any apparent effort to lay same or to construct said plant. and

Whereas, it is not to the public interest that certain streets named in said franchise should be occupied by street railway lins and many of the provisions in said franchise are improvident, and against the interest of the City of El Paso and the inhabitants thereof, and

Whereas, it is the intention and disire of this Council to obtain for the City and the public adequate guarenties for the protection of the public interest as well as adequate compensation to the City for any street railway or lighting franchises granted by it.

Now therefore,

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

Section 1.

That the said ordinance and franchise granting unto Geo Nicklas and assigns the right to install, Construct and maintain within the City of El Paso an electric lighting plant and electric street rail way passed april 1st 1905 and the ordinance amendatory thereof passed april the 13th 1905, be and the same are hereby repealed and all rights franchises and privileges therein granted are hereby declared to be forfited for non compliance with the terms thereof and are hereby forfited and annulled.

Section 2

That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval

Passed and approved this the 24th day of May 1906

attest.

Perry McGhee
City Clerk

Charles Davis
Mayor

"Finance Committee"

Chairman Rand recommended that the following payroll be allowed and ordered paid.

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Street & Grade payroll

Sanitary pay roll

Street & Grade payroll for week ending May 24th $237.00
Sanitary " " " " " 24th " 18.00
On motion made and carried the above payrolls were allowed and ordered paid.

Petition of C.A. Peterson reduction of taxes.

Taxation Committee

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be granted and value of property be reduced from $1500 to $900.

El Paso Texas April 19th 1906

The Hon Mayor & City Council of El Paso,

Gentlemen:

Enclosed I take the liberty to send the Hon Council and Mayor my receipts for taxes paid for 1904 and 1905. As the receipts shows my taxes to my surprise was raised from $10.32 to $27.20 and the valuation of my lots from $600.00 to $1500.00, the value of my three lots is $750.00 and I ask the Hon Council to lower my taxes according to the value of my property and repay me the balance of money.

Respectfully
C.A. Peterson

On motion made and carried the recommendation of the Committee was ordered carried out.

Petition of R.E. Harris reduce taxes.

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be denied.

Ponora Texas April 19th 1906

To the Chas Davis sr and City Council of the City of El Paso

Gentlemen.

I respectfully submit to you that the valuation on the east 80 ft of lots 9 & 10 block 256 Camps add to the City of El Paso is too great and I ask that you reduce the same to a valuation that would be fair, $1200.00 I think would be a reasonable valuation.

Please give this matter your consideration and I feel quite sure that you will make the reduction

Yours very respectfully
R. E. Harris.

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on motion made and carried the petition was denied.

Petition of Mrs M.H. Bowers refund Taxes.

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be denied.

El Paso Texas Feby 7th 1906

Mr Davis City Mayor of El Paso Texas

Kind Sir

I this day file Complaint to you in regard my City taxes.

I own one lot and a half block no 39 Morehead add, lots 25 & 26, I own lot 25 and half of 26, I beg to say that my taxes are entirely to much, the party that owns the other lot and a half joining my lots and only had to pay $7.45 and I have the same amount of ground and my taxes was $12.10. I do hope you will take this matter for me and see that I get reduction on them. If my taxes had been raised I was not notified at all. do hope you will look after this matter and let me hear from you at once.

Yours truly

Mrs W.H. Bowers

515 Newman st

on motion made and carried the petition was denied.

Petition of Mary J Smith for Quit Claim Deed and refund of Taxes.

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that it be granted except as to lots 19 & 20. and recommends that that portion of the petition be denied

El Paso Texas April 26th 1906

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of El Paso.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned is the owner of lots 14 to 20 in block No 8 Sunset Heights, or Satterwaites addition to the City of El Paso, and respectfully represents that the City taxes on the same are delinquent for some 12 years; that the City of El Paso has Tax deeds for one or two years on a part of this property.

Your petitioner respectfully represents that the reason she has not paid the taxes on this property is that she has not heretofore had the money to pay the same; that

she is now trying to sell a part of it to get the money with which to pay the taxes, and she respectfully petitions and prays your Honorable body to remit all interest, costs and penalties against the same and accept the net tax, giving her a clear receipt for same. She further petitions you to authorize the Honorable Mayor to execute Quit Claim deeds from the City of El Paso to her thus by reconveying the title the City holds in the property when she has paid all of these taxes.

And she further respectfully represents that the taxes for the years 1903, 1904 and 1905 on lots 19 and 20 are excessive by reason of the excessive valuation of said property, and she requests that the over charge also be adjusted.

By complying with this request you will greatly oblige

Yours very truly
Mary I Smith
per H.

On motion made and carried the recommendations of the Committee were ordered carried out.

Petition of A Ortiga reduce taxes granted

Chairman Committee to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be granted and the property be reduced from $1000. to $750.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council
Gentlemen:

My property namely all of lot 17 and W 1/2 of 18 block 67 Magoffin addition is assessed for $1000.00 which is very excessive. I could not sell it for that amount. Therefor will you kindly reduce it to $750.00, which I consider a fair valuation for taxes. By so doing you will greatly oblige.

Yours Respectfully
Mrs A Ortiga

on motion made and carried the recommendations of the Committee was ordered carried out.

Communications

Clerk read petition of H Yungkans for fire plug on California

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Petition of W Yeughans fire plug on Calif & Brown	and Brown streets. On motion the petition was referred to Fire and Water Com.
Petition of G Fahlgren sewer extension	Clerk read petition of G Fahlgren for sewer extension on motion the petition was referred to Sanitary Com.
Petition of T M Muse for donation music	Clerk read petition of T M Muse et al for donation to pay for concerts in plaza on motion the petition was referred to Finance Committee
Petition of A.L. Blurford for Sewer Extension	Clerk read petition of A.L. Blurford for sewer Extension on motion the petition was referred to Sanitary Com.

Then being no further business the Council adjourned approved

Charles Davis
Mayor

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

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Council Chamber City Hall
El Paso Texas May 31st 1906

Council met in regular session on the above day and date, Mayor Davis present and presiding and the following aldermen answered to roll call, Badger Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hammett, Kitt, 6 absent Look and Rand.

Minutes of the last regular meeting read and approved

Report of Officers

City Attorney read resolution instructing the City Engineer to notify the Texas Bitulithic Company to commence paving the streets.

Resolution instructing City Engineer notify Texas Bitulithic Co Commence paving

Motion was made and duly seconded that the resolution be adopted.

The Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the resolution to be taken by roll call, which when taken resulted as follows, Yeas, Caples, Fewel, Grant, Hammett and Kitt, 5, Nays, Badger, absent Look and Rand.

When upon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the resolution the same be and is hereby adopted.

The resolution above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to wit;

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso;

Whereas the paving Contract entered into between the City of El Paso and the Texas Bitulithic Company provides that the Contractor shall commence work under said Contract within twenty days after receipt of notice from the City Engineer to begin such work, and in the event of his failure so to do, the City reserves the right to cancel such Contract; Now therefore the City Engineer of the City of El Paso is hereby instructed to give notice to the said Contractor to begin work under his contract within twenty days and the City Engineer is instructed to report to this Council at its next meeting, when, and in what manner and upon whom he served the said notice.

City Attorney Burges recommended that the Mayor be

authorized to execute quit claim deeds to Mrs L. B. Clardy, Peter Michero and Emily Michero, and Mrs Jessie A. Ogg. Motion was made and carried that the mayor be authorized to execute the above quit claim deeds.

City Attorney Burges stated that he had received a letter from General Anson Mills relative to the T. D. Porter Property and the Anson Mills Map adopted by the City and recommended that the letter be received and spread on the minutes for future reference.

Motion made and carried that the Clerk be instructed to record the letter in full.

The letter above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to wit:

May 4th 1906

Communication from Anson Mills relative to Mills map

To Mr Richard F Burges, and
Mr T. A. Falvey,
Attorneys at Law
El Paso Texas.

Gentlemen:

I received yesterday in the same mail a letter from each of you dated the 23rd instant, regarding the same subject matter, i.e. my original survey of the City of El Paso, with special reference to Block 12, lots 63- requesting some information from me, and with a view to economy and simplicity I will address my reply to both of you.

I went to El Paso in the early part of 1858, when it was known as Smith's Ranch and owned and entirely controlled by Mr William T Smith, an illiterate Kentuckian of very generous disposition, with no business methods, although well to do. In the few years previous he had given or sold many small parcels of land around his dwelling, which stood where my property now stands, to various persons who had built upon the land pointed out by him without any survey having been made of any of the parcels disposed of. Disputes regarding boundaries soon came about and I was asked to make a survey of the lands he had given and sold, which I proceeded to do, suggesting at the same time that there should

be a town plat. While surveying these small parcels of land was made to organize a town Company by different parties buying interest from Mr Smith. Their first consisted of the Gillett Brothers, Crosby, Morton, and Kelly and they asked me to make a plat, which I did, and which is represented in the photograph of the little tracing mentioned by Mr. Falvey on page 3 of his letter, as the one the proprietors refused to accept. Later on another Company was formed consisting of the six proprietors mentioned in the lithographic copy of the approved survey. I continued for several months during the winter to make different sketches ignoring as far as the proprietors would allow me the irregular parcels of land and adobe buildings then existing. All these were rejected until finally about may or June, 1859, I produced one that all the six proprietors adopted and were willing to sign and did sign, and which was also signed by me, and I was authorized to procure lithographic copies of it for general distribution and guidance in the future sales and conveyances of City property.

I sent the original to J McKittrick & Co 36 main Street, St. Louis, Mo. and in due time, probably in August or September 1859. the lithographs with the original copy were returned to me and I delivered them to the Secretary of the Company, Mr Henry S. Gillett who kept them in his office, and who had previously kept all the records of Sales and conveyances in his office. I acting as his agent to show and describe the property to purchasers as long as I remained in El Paso.

I left El Paso on the 9th day of March 1861. leaving my records and field notes of the survey in my residence, together with my household goods, expecting probably to return.

I never returned to El Paso 1881 or 1882, with Judge Crosby. We found many of the buildings destroyed others valueless, and the witness marks of my survey almost wholly obliterated, but we did find a few

copies of the lithographic copy of the original map, I having kept one in my possession as well as the Judge during all these years, and two or three copies were found in the possession of old residents Mr Sam Shultz has one I think. Some fifteen years ago when in El Paso this same question regarding Lot 63 block 12 was presented to me by the authorities in El Paso and I then gave my opinion that the building of Mrs Potter projected into Myrtle Street, according to the approved plans of the City.

At this time Judge Crosby exhibited to me a sketch, the one referred to by you, claiming that it was the original drawing I had made and called my attention to the fact that in it Texas Street did not divide the three acres given him by Mr Smith, and that the lithographic copy was incorrect. I then refreshed his memory and explained to him that I had made several experimental sketches which were rejected by the proprietors, and that this was one of them, which brought the matter to his recollection and he abandoned any claim that this was the original map. When he got this map I do not know. About this time also the original of the first sketch above referred to was brought to me which refreshed mine as well as Judge Crosbys memory much in detail. When I made this first sketch as well as the subsequent sketches of the proposed town site, the streets, lots and blocks were extended from surveys made of the properties disposed of only, so that the location of boundaries, streets and blocks were not exact as they were after the plan was fully adopted and I had surveyed in detail most of the lots and blocks. This accounts for the fact that in the sketch shown you by Mr Pollett lot 63 does not project into Myrtle street.

I return this sketch last referred to, together with the photographs of the first sketch, to Mr Fabry for your joint use during the present suit, with the understanding that you turn them over to Mrs Crosby when you have finished with them, for the reason that as Judge Crosby delivered them to me I think she has the best title to them, for whatever they are worth.

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If you will compare the sketch Mr Follett has shown you with the lithographic copy it will be apparent that it could not have been the original one adopted by the proprietors; first, because it is not signed by any of them or myself. Second, because there are hundreds of material discrepancies between it and the lithographic copy. for instance, Texas Street does not pass through Crosbys three acres or the one acre given Hall (San Diego mail Line) in block 5; there is no square so in the sketch, the names on the lots are different in a great portion of the lots. in the upper left hand corner of the lithographic copy there is a plat of the three tracts of land on which the City is now located, with many details, and also a sketch of the Church and bullfight on the other side, and the sketch has none of the stage Coaches or the Czrata, as shown on the lithographic copy. Whereas there is a discription on the sketch, not in my handwriting, but apparently in the handwriting of Mr Morton.

While it is impossible to state anything positively from memory in the long lapse of time (47 years) these are my best recollections, and of two things I am certain, first the sketch referred to by you was never adopted by the proprietors or surveyed in detail by me, and second, that the lithographic copy represents perfectly the final map made by me and which was adopted by the proprietors.

I stated these facts verbally when the question was raised years ago and I suggest that whatever disposition is made of this suit that a copy of this letter be placed on file in the City records for future reference.

Now, gentlemen, you are both personal friends of mine. Men for whom I have the highest esteem and in whom I have the greatest confidence, Mrs Porter was also a personal friend of mine - a good citizen in building up your city, doing her full share, and I am sure she bought this property and improved it in good faith, and that she carried out her part in good faith. It seems to me hard under all the circumstances, that she or her heirs should be deprived of it.

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I do not believe ~~the~~ a city as prosperous and fortunate as the City of El Paso has been, considering the confusion that surrounded the titles there owing to the devastation of the war and loss of records, can afford to dispossess any one who acquired property honestly as Mrs Porter did, and I therefore as a taxpayer in your city, suggest that some compromise be made in this suit and that some remuneration be given for her property.

Very truly yours

Anson Mills

Report of City Engineer Cost improving West Lake Park

City Engineer submitted a report on cost of improving West Lake Park as proposed by Messrs Mundy & Foster. ~~The~~ Motion was made and carried that the report with a petition filed be referred to Ald Rand, Hammett, Fewel, and City Attorney Burgess to report back at next regular meeting

Sanitary Committee

Mayor authorized to draw warrant for $600 to pay for land purchased for Pest House

Chairman Badger recommends that the mayor and City Clerk be authorized to draw warrants for the sum of $600.00 as payment of 2 or more acres of land purchased for the Pest House.

On motion made and carried the Mayor and City Clerk was authorized to draw warrants to pay for above land.

Finance Committee

Acting Chairman Hammett recommended that the following payrolls and bill be allowed and ordered paid.

Payroll of St & Grade week ind. May 31st	Street and Grade	payroll for week ending May 31		266 75
	Sanitary Street Cleaning	" " " " " " 31		19 50
Bills	Stetter & Schneider	Meat	Pest House	8 95
	Shelton, Payne Arms Co	repairs	" "	1 10
	Pomeroy Transfer Co	shoeing	Sanitary	9 50
	Major & Fewel	Feed	Pest House	37 30
	Howard & McPhetridge Co	Grocries	" "	22 95
	Major & Fewel	Feed	Sanitary	13 50
	Ellis Bros	Printing	"	8 75
	Kelley & Pollard	Drugs	"	139 35
	" "	"	"	15 55

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Pass City Foundry	Castings	Sanitary	30 00
Clifford Bros	supplies	"	90
Badger Fuel Co	Cement	"	58 40
Fassett & Kelly	Sewer pipe	"	79 27 50
Pomroy Transfer Co	Horse & Buy	"	15 00

Motion made and carried that the above bills and payrolls be allowed and ordered paid.

Taxation Committee.

Petition of Wm Brockmoller reduce tax denied

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be denied.

El Paso Texas
March 26th 1906

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of El Paso, Texas
Gentlemen:

I would request your Hon body that you refund to Mr H Brockmoller the sum of $13.02 being an over charge of City taxes on his property on south St Vrain Street.

Enclosed please find City and County tax receipts for your kind consideration

Yours Respectfully
Wm Brockmoller

on motion made and carried the petition was denied

Petition of L Hudson reduce tax ground

Chairman Hammett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the valuation be reduced from $1200. to $500.

State of Texas }
County of El Paso }

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

Now comes L Hudson and Adolf Hoffman his attorney and respectfully represents to your Hon body as follows: that he was on or about January 1st A.D. 1905 the owner of certain real estate in the City of El Paso, County of El Paso State of Texas. to wit: namely, the East half of lot six (6) and all of lot seven (7) in block Eighty two (82) Magoffin's addition to the City of El Paso

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Texas; that he had but lately purchased said property that there were no improvments upon said property on or about January 1st A.D. 1905; that said property is assessed for the year 1905 at the valuation of three hundred and Eighty Dollars $380.00 by the state and County of El Paso; and that it is assessed by the city of El Paso at a valuation of twelve hundred Dollars $1,200.00

Your petitioner respectfully represents that this is a mistake of the Board of Assessment of the City of El Paso, in that they assessed the improvment of said property which were not begun until the month of May 1905, and were not owned on or about January 1st 1905, the same being not in said building that was commenced in may 1905 and not finished until July and not used until sometime afterwards

Hence your petitioner prays that his taxes may be reduced to the sum of three hundred Eighty Dollars $380.00 the same valuation as the County placed upon said lots, and the same paid, which at Eighty (80) per cent valuation, will allow for any increase in said property as regards the real estate without the improvements, and your petitioner represents that he does not owe any taxes for the year 1905 to this amount, but admits that he owes taxes at no higher valuation than Three Hundred Eighty Dollars $380.00 for the proof of which he is ready to submit his tax receipt from the state and County of El Paso, and be put upon oath if necessary, as to when said improvments were made.

He, therefore, petitions your Hon Council to abate said taxes by placing this valuation from twelve hundred Dollars ($1200) to the sum of three hundred Eighty Dollars $380.00

Respectfully submitted
L Hudson
by Adolph Hoffman
his atty at Law

On motion made and carried the recommendations were ordered carried out.

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Petition of Geo J Lewis correct error in tax receipt

Chairman Haunsett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be granted

El Paso Texas march 31st 1906

To the Hon Mayor & City Council

Gentlemen

The south 14+45-100 feet of lot 13 and all of lot 14 hus heretofore been rendered in my name. I have paid taxes on it for some years. Upon reciving my Tax receipt for this year I find the valuation has not been encreased which is the same now as last year but instead the amount of land which I own and which I have rendered for taxes is not the same in amount as that which I paid taxes this year. The attached receipts will explain my meaing. I own all of lot 14 and it hus been assessed to me heretofore and I have paid taxes on same. This years Tax receipt shows I have been assessed and have paid taxes on less than half of lot 14. This I believe is a mistake and I respectfy petition your honorably body to correct this mistake by placing the assessment on all of lot 14 as it heretofore stood.

Respectfully

Geo J Lewis

on motion made and carried the petition was granted

Petition of Thomas Kelly reduce taxes Denied

Chairman Haunsett to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be denied.

El Paso, Texas March 22, 1906

To the Honorable Mayor & City Council

You raised the assessment on my property this year. Fin hundred dollars without notifying me which is to much. I think half of that or two hundred and fifty dollars would be reasonable the lot is the South 30 feet of block 46 Mills Map.

Yours resp

Thomas Kelly

On motion the petition was denied.

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Fire and Water Committee

Petition of H. Yeughans for fire hydrant

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

May 24th 1906

To the Honorable City Council,

We the undersigned Citizens of El Paso Texas respectfully ask the Hon City Council to erect and maintain a fire plug on California and Brown Streets.

There are about 35 residences in this neighborhood including a large shop and plaining mill, with very little fire protection the nearest plug being on Arizona Street, besides which these houses are supplied with water through a pipe only one inch in diameter and in it the water does not run continously making the present conditions very dangerous in case of fire.

Signed H Yeughans and many others

on motion made and carried the the petition was granted.

Petition of H Kismerly Co recd and filed

Chairman Caples to whom was referred the following petition recommended that the petition be received and filed.

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

Gentlemen:

The undersigned taxpayers (owners or agents) of property in the vicinity of Santa Fe, Main and Franklin streets respectfully represent that in our opinion the large quantity of wood that is now stored on the vacant lots on the east side of Santa Fe Street between the S. P. and E. P. + S. W. tracks, constitutes a menace to all adjoining and adjacent property and might be the cause of a most disasterous conflagation and most earnestly request that you take steps to have this removed as soon as this can be done without special harm to the owners thereof. on motion the petition was received and filed.

Communications

Clerk read the following Communication

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To the Hon Mayor and City Council

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Resignation of E.R. Loomis as City Electrician

To the Hon Mayor and City Council.
Gentlemen:
I hand you this my resignation as City Electrician, I find that I have not the strength to attend to the work as it should be attended to. My health is such that I find I cannot hold out. It is with regret that I do this but in justice to your Hon body think it best, I ask you to accept this resignation to take effect tomorrow June 1st 1906.
Respectfully Submitted
E.R. Loomis
Motion made and carried that the resignation be accepted.

Resolution authorizing mayor to appoint City Electrician

Clerk read resolution authorizing mayor to appoint City Electrician
The Mayor ordered the vote upon the adoption of the resolution to be taken by roll call which when taken resulted as follows
Yeas Badger, Caples, Favel, Grant, Hammett, and Kelly. Mayor. None. Absent Cook and Rand.
Thereupon Mayor Davis declared that a majority of the vote of the City Council having been cast in favor of the resolution the same be and is hereby adopted.
The resolution above referred to is in words and figures as follows, to wit:
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso:
That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to appoint some competent person to act as City Electrician and receive the compensation fixed by ordinance and order of the Council such person to hold such office until dismissed by the mayor or until a City Electrician be elected by the City Council.

Communications

Ordinance granting American Dist Tel Co franchise

Clerk read ordinance granting to the American District Tel Company a franchise.
On Motion the ordinance was referred to Ordinance Com.

Petition J. Mundy referred to Grade Com.

Clerk read petition of J.J. Mundy for side walk grade
On Motion the petition was referred to Street & Grade Com.

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Petition of J D Loor sewer extension

Clerk read petition of J. D. Loor et al for sewer extension.
on motion the petition was referred to Sanitary Committee

petition H. N Small adopt block map

Clerk read petition of H. N. Small to adopt block map.
on motion the petition was referred to Street & Grade Com.

Petition of H Lisenby & Co for fire hydrant

Clerk read petition of The H Lisenby Company for fire hydrant at Corner Main & Santa Fe. Streets
on motion duly and carried the petition was referred to Fire and Water Committee.

New Business

Purchase of trash Can referred

Mr Pitman asked the City Council if they would intertain a proposition to purchase trash cans.
On motion the matter was referred to Sanitary Committee

W H. Anderson granted leave 30 days

Dr W. H. Anderson asked for 2 weeks leave of absence
on motion the request was granted.

Mayor Davis granted leave for 2 week

Mayor Davis asked for 2 weeks leave of absence
on motion the request was granted.

Street & Grade Com & City Engineer report ordinance to Side walks

Ald Ferd moved that the city attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance requiring City Engineer to give a certificate as to proportions of material for all cement Side walks to the property owner.
It was moved that the matter be referred to Street & grade Com and City Engineer.

Ald Hammett elected Mayor protem

Ald. Keith moved that Ald Hammett be elected Mayor protem during the absence of Mayor Davis
The motion was duly seconded and carried.

There being no further business the Council adjourned

Approved

Percy McGhee
City Clerk

Charles Davis
Mayor