Regular Meeting Thursday November 5th 1896

Council Chamber City Hall El Paso Texas Thursday November 5th 1896.

The City Council met in regular ses=
=sion on the above date Mayor Campbell present and presiding and all of the Alder=
=men present.

The minutes of regular meeting of Oct 29th 1896 was read and on motion seconded and carried was approved as read.

Police Com.

Police report

Chairman Kachler of the Police committee reported that his committee had investigated and checked up the report of the Chief of Police for the month of September 1896 and found same to be correct and recommended the report be approved and filed.

On motion the recommendation was ordered carried out,

Finance Com.

Chairman Stewart of the above committee recom=
=mended the payment of the following bills.

Bills allowed

To wit

Hotel Dieu	For	nursing sick for city 33 days at 1.00	General	33 00
Leo Gasser	"	repairing water closet at city Hall	"	6 25
O'Brien Coal Co.	"	1 ton coal to city Hall	"	7 50
Mrs Wagoner	"	83 meals to city prisoners at 15¢ ea	"	12 45
El Paso Gas & L & P Co	"	49 arc lights at 12.50 ea Oct 96	"	612 50
"	"	10900 cft gas to city Hall " "	"	37 25
El Paso Water Co	"	Water bills for Oct 96	"	486 70
N C McClemon	"	10 days on Sts & Park at 1.00	St Grant	10 00
J H Bennett	"	work done for St Com'r	"	90
A Solomon	"	St Sprinkling & extra's Oct 96	"	151 50
N C McClemon	"	1 man 1 day on Sewer line	Sewer	4 00
J B Badger	"	½ day as engr at pump station	"	1 50
Waters Pierce Oil Co	"	Oil furnished Fire Dept	Real Est	2 85
Western Union Tel Co	"	Telegram re Artwell	"	60
W A Irvin & Co	"	½ gal Horse oil to Fire Dept	"	1 25
Chas F Slack & Co	"	1 doz Cala Soap " " "	"	2 75
H F Bloom	"	work done in city Jail	"	1 85
				$1367 95

Moved and seconded that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn as specified. The motion was carried

Bills, Communications &c.

The following petition was read. Viz:

Hon Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen:- We the undersigned physicians of the city of El Paso, would respectfully request that you

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Alleys rel to

honorable body reconsider the action taken at your last meeting in the matter of rescinding the ordinance making it a part of the duty of the City Scavenger to keep the alleys free of filth and garbage. The Scavenger has done his work well as is evident to the most casual observer. To a degree at least the prosperity as well as the health of the City depends upon its cleanli=ness, and we deem it wise economy to maintain the foregoing in force, since in no other way is it practicable to prevent accumulations of filth and garbage.

A L Justice M D
Chas T Race M.D. Dr Schugt, C F Bracken M.D.
J G Boyd M.D. Howard Thompson, M D O C Irvin M D
F W Gallagher M.D. J W Wagenforth M D A H Van Cleve M D
Howard White M D, H N Vilas M D, Homan C Myers,
M.D. Wright M D Geo B Clardy, G H Higgins M D.

After some discussion it was moved and seconded that the petition be laid on the table. The motion was carried.

Artwell

Moved and seconded that the Finance com=mittee be authorized to sell any and all machinery and material purchased for the Artesian Well. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the council then adjourned

Attest
W T Kitchens
City Clerk

approved
W F Campbell
Mayor

Regular Meeting Board of Equalization Nov. 10th 1896

Council Chamber City Hall El Paso Texas Tuesday November 10th 1896

The Board of Equalization met pursuant to adjournment of October 20th 1896 Mayor Campbell present and presiding and Aldermen Coldwell, Del Buono and Whitmore present, The Mayor called the meeting to order at 10 A M. Roll call showed a quorum present.

A.B. Petticolis Moved and seconded that the assessed valuation for 1896 of the property of A B Petticolis within the city of El Paso be placed at $3950.00
The motion was carried.

R.M. Russell Moved and seconded that the assessed valuation for 1896 of the property of R M Russell within the city of El Paso be placed at $3000.00
The motion was carried.

H.H. Charles Moved and seconded that the assessed valuation for 1896 of the property of H H Charles within the city of El Paso be placed at $5000.00
The motion was carried

Moved and seconded the board adjourn to meet Thursday Nov 12th 1896. The motion was carried

Thursday Nov 12th 1896. Board of Equalization called to order, Mayor Campbell present and presiding and a quorum of members present.
There being no further business to come before the Board it was moved and seconded that the Board of Equalization for the city of El Paso Texas, for the year 1896 do now adjourn "sine die". The motion was carried

Attest
W T Kilchens
City Clerk

Approved
R F Campbell
Mayor

Regular Meeting Thursday November 12th 1896

Council Chamber City Hall El Paso Texas
Thursday November 12th 1896

The City council met in regular session on the above date, Mayor Campbell present and presiding and all of the Aldermen present
The minutes of regular meeting of Nov 5th 1896 was read and on motion was approved as read.

Communications from the Mayor.

Charity The Mayor stated that he had under the advise of the City Physician purchased a R R ticket for sick pauper who had been at the Poor Farm at the expense of the City. the ticket cost $6.90 and he asked that the council approve his action
Moved and seconded that the action of the Mayor in the above matter be approved and that a warrant be drawn on the Real Estate fund for $6.90 to cover. The motion was carried

Reports of City Officers.

A & C's report The Clerk presented and read the regular monthly report of the Assessor and Collector for the month of October 1896, showing total summount of taxes collected from all sources of $1637.85.
Moved, seconded and carried that the report be referred to the Taxation committee.

Reports of Committees.

Acequias.

acequia report on Chairman Del Bueno made the following report;
"It is my duty to report the filthy and dilapidated condition of the Acequia, Starting from Chihuahua street along Second street, Oregon street. On the alley between El Paso and Oregon streets down Fourth street and from there up Virginia street, it is filled with rubbish, dead fowls, etc, besides it looks as if it had been used for a Water closet.
Such an unhealthful nuisance needs attention as it may breed disease and sometimes cause death so I recommend that said Acequia be cleaned out, otherwise to abolish said Acequia and level it with the streets

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Moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the Health Physician. The motion was carried.

Chairman Del Bruno also stated that there was being a house constructed that interfered with the acequia on Fourth St and that he had notified the parties to desist until the matter could be brought before the Council. On motion the matter was referred to the acequia committee and the city attorney to report to the council at the next regular meeting.

Finance.

Chairman Stewart of the Finance committee recommended the payment of the following bills, viz:

Bills allowed

H N Hood	For connection bell for Fire Dept	General	1 72
Dan Kelly	" cash pd out for hauling Hose cart to fire	"	16 50
Fassett & Kelly	" Stoves to clerks & A & C's offices	"	39 39
El Paso Ice & refrig Co	" Ice to city for Oct 1896	"	8 85
D N McKenzie	" Rent of City Hall for Nov 1896	"	125 00
Neil McMillan	" work done for Fire Dept Oct "	"	9 00
O G Leeton	" Horse feed	"	51 20
El Paso Saddlery Co.	" Harness soap " " " "	"	80
Stafford Campbell	" Drugs to City Physician for charity	Special	50 70
M M Allenhon	" 2 Men 6 days on Slot & Park at $6.00 a day	St Fun	12 00
	" 1 " " " " Sewer line " "	Sewer	6 00
T & P Railway	" freight on Fire Dept supplies	Real Estate	2 12
W H Irvin & Co	" Pens, Pencils, Shell mach &c	" "	3 00
R F Johnson & Co	" 1 gal Alcohol & demijohn to Art well	Art Water	4 50
Waters Pierce Oil Co	" 4 cases oil to Art well	" "	14 20
C H Sabin	" 1½ days at 3.00 on Art well	" "	4 50
W E Wisdom	" 1½ " " 2.00 " " "	" "	3 00
Chas Richards	" 1½ " " " " "	" "	3 00
	Total		$358 48

Moved and seconded that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn to cover as specified. The motion was carried.

New Business.

Sewer bonds

Alderman Stewart called the attention of the council to the fact that the money for the purchase of $3000.00 of Sewer Bonds had not yet been forwarded to the Chemical National Bank; and further stated that the warrant drawn for $3100.25 was not enough to cover the purchase, that the correct amt would be $3161.63.

Moved and seconded that the city clerk be instructed to take up and cancel "Sewer Bonds Sinking and Interest fund warrant

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No 8 issued to C W Fassett City Treasurer Oct 30th 1896 Amt $3100.25. And issue in lieu thereof a warrant on said Sewer Bond S & I fund for the sum of $3161.63 in favor of C W Fassett City Treasurer, And that said City Treasure be instructed to at once transmit said Ammount to the "Chemical National Bank of New York city for the purchase of $3000.00 of El Paso Sewer Bonds at 102½

The Motion was carried,

Moved And seconded that the City Treasurer be instructed to transfer $871.37 out of the Contingent fund of the city into the Artesian Water fund And that the City clerk be instructed to draw a warrant on said Contingent fund to cover, The Motion was carried

Wards City Alderman O'Keeffe presented And read a resolution providing for the redistricting of the city wards.

Moved And seconded that the resolution be laid on the table for one week

The Motion was carried

alleys Moved And seconded that the Street Commissioner be instructed to use the Street wagon And team And driver to clean alleys under the supervission of the Health Physician one day out of each week until further orders of the city council,

The Motion was carried.

Alderman Kachler asked for And was granted leave of absence from two Meetings

There being no further business the council then adjourned,

Attest
W T Kilchens
City Clerk

Approve
R F Campbell
Mayor

Regular Meeting Thursday Nov 19th 1896

Council Chamber City Hall El Paso Texas
Thursday November 19th 1896

The City Council met in regular session on the above date, Mayor Campbell present and presiding and Aldermen Clifford, Coldwell, Del Buono, O'Keeffe Rabiels, Stewart and Whitmore present and Alderman Kachler absent on leave.

The minutes of regular meeting of Nov 12th was read and on motion seconded and carried was approved as read

Reports of City Officers.

City Property

City Attorney Townsend stated that the city owns some property on the corner of San Francisco and Main streets, that the property was now occupied by Samuel Schutz who owned the building that ~~was~~ Mr Schutz stated to him that he would like to get a lease on the property.

Moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the Mayor with power to act

The motion was carried

Reports of Committees.

Finance.

Bills allowed

Chairman Stewart recommended the payment of the following bills;

C W Fassett,	for telegrams re Sewer Bonds	1.85
N C McGlennon	" 2 men 6 days at 1.00 on Sts & Park	12.00
"	" 1 man " " " " " Sewer line	6.00
J.B. de Martinez	" property destroyed re diphtheria	6.00
	Total	$25.85

Moved and seconded the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn to cover.

The motion was carried.

Tool and Store house paid for

Chairman Stewart also presented a bill of $497.16 from Sorrenson & Morgan contractors for building store house for the city and stated that Mr Sorrenson was indebted to the city for taxes and that under existing Ordinances

Sorrenson's taxes

The Mayor and City Clerk were prohibited from delivering warrants to persons indebted

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to the city and that Mr Sorrenson had stated that he was willing to allow $300.00 of the amt be applied on his taxes.

Alderman Coldwell offered the following resolution to wit;

Sorrenson John rel to taxes of

Whereas: The city of El Paso is justly indebted to Sorrenson and Morgan in the sum of $497.16 and it appearing that Mr Sorrenson of the said firm is in=debted to the city for taxes and the Ordinances of the city prohibits the Mayor and Clerk from issuing or delivering any warrant to persons indebted to the city and the said Sorrenson and Morgan having made a proposition to the Council to apply the sum of $300.00 of said bill in part payment of the taxes due from the said Sorrenson and it appearing that said sum exceeds the interest of said Sorrenson in said claim against the city therefore;

Be it resolved by the city Council of the city of El Paso, That two warrants be drawn on the Real Estate Fund of the city of El Paso in favor of Messrs Sorrenson and Morgan, one in the sum of Three hundred dollars and the other in the sum of One hundred and Ninty seven dollars and sixteen cents, That the last named warrant be delivered to said Sorrenson and Morgan when they and each of them shall endorse and deliver the first named warrant for the sum of Three hundred dollars to the city of El Paso and shall receipt the city in full for their bill for building a house this day presented.

That upon said endorsement and delivery to said city, the Assessor and Collector shall give John Sorrenson a receipt for Three hundred dollars upon his taxes, The said sum shall be applied to the payment of the oldest taxes upon the property of the said John Sorrenson.

Moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted

The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of the council,

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Chairman Stewart also stated the repairs on the City Hall were at last under way and that he had found upon investigation that the gas pipes needed overhauling as they all leaked at the joints

On motion duly seconded and carried the Finance Committee was given full power to superintend the repairs on the City Hall building.

Taxation.

A & C's report approved

Chairman Clifford reported that his committee had examined and checked up the report of the Assessor and Collector for the month of October 1896 and found it to be correct and recommended that the report be approved and filed

And further recommended that a warrant be issued on the Special fund of the city of $3.92 in favor of J. W. Smith City Assessor and Collector, being amt due said A & C for 30% commissions on $116.40 collected and turned over to the City Treasurer by him,

Moved and seconded that the recommendations of the Taxation Committee be carried out The motion was carried

New Buisness.

The clerk presented and read the following

Sanitary

Gentlemen, The bearer Juanna Romero de Martinez desires that the city reimburse her for household goods consisting of mattress, blankets &c, valued at six dollars ($6.00) which I caused to be destroyed with a view of thus more effectually arresting a threatened outbreak of Diptheria, Two of her children had the disease in a malignant form, both died, the goods destroyed were of a kind that nothing short of destruction would effectually fumigate, hence my action, The people are very poor and I recommend that the claim be allowed.

Alward White M.D.
Health Physician

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Moved and seconded the claim be allowed and that a warrant be drawn on the Real Estate fund for $6.00 to cover, The Motion was carried.

Dance houses pet to Suppress

A petition signed by George Harper and twenty seven others citizens of the 2d ward asking that the city council take some action for the suppression of Dance Halls outside of the Reservation in said ward was read;

Moved and seconded that the chief of Police be instructed to enforce the Ordinance requiring all Prostitutes to stay on the Reservation and to suppress all disorderly dance houses

The Motion was carried

Redistricting City Wards

The resolution for redistricting the city Wards, which was laid on the table until this Meeting was brought up and on Motion duely seconded and carried was laid on the table indefinitely

Moved and seconded that the Council do now adjourn until Tuesday Nov 24th 1896 at 7.30 PM The Motion was carried, and Council adjourned

Attest
W T Kitchens
City Clerk

approved
W F Campbell
Mayor

Regular Meeting Thursday Nov 26th 1896

Council Chamber City Hall El Paso Texas Thursday November 26th 1896

The City Council met in regular session on the above date Mayor Campbell present and presiding and Aldermen Clifford, Coldwell, Del Buono, Roberts, Stewart and Whitmore present, Alderman Kaehler absent on on leave and Alderman O'Keeffe absent.

The Minutes of regular meeting of November 19th 1896 was read and on motion approved as read.

Reports of City Officers.

City's Property on San Francisco St.

The Mayor reported that he had seen Samuel Schutz relative to leasing the city's property now occupied by him on San Francisco and Main Streets and that Mr Schutz did not want a lease for less than 99 years but would take a lease on those terms.

Moved and seconded that the proposition be rejected and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare form of notice to be served on Mr Schutz, notifying him (Schutz) to remove the buildings from the property as provided in the deed to said property, and to report same at the next regular meeting of the City Council. The motion was carried.

Police Report

The clerk presented and read the regular monthly report of the Chief of Police for the month of October 1896, showing;

Total amount of fines imposed		$368.00
" " " "	Collected	$345.00
" " " "	Served	21.00
" " " "	uncollected	2.00
Totals		$368.00 $368.00

Moved and seconded that the report be referred to the Police Committee.

The motion was carried.

The clerk also presented the regular monthly pay roll of city officers for the month of November 1896 as follows

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Name	Office	Time	Amt
Pay Roll City officers			
L F Campbell	Mayor	1 month	75.00
John O'Keeffe	Alderman 1st ward	1 "	25.00
James Clifford	" 2d "	1 "	25.00
Frank Di Buono	" 2d "	1 "	25.00
F Kachler	" 3d "	3 meeting	15.00
J Whilmore	" 3d "	1 month	25.00
J J Stewart	" 4th "	1 "	25.00
E C Roberts	" 4th "	1 "	25.00
W M Coldwell	" "	1 "	25.00
W T Kitchens	City Clerk	1 "	138.88
J E Townsend	" Attorney	1 "	125.00
Geo C Wimberly	" Engineer	1 "	100.00
Alvord White M.D.	" Physician	1 "	85.00
C W Fassett	" Treasurer	1 "	50.00
J J Nixon	" Scavenger	1 "	10.00
C B Patterson	" Recorder	1 "	100.00
F E Tysten	" Jailor	1 "	55.55
F R Hillebrand	Chief of Police	1 "	138.88
Frank Carr	Capt " "	1 "	100.00
J B Chipman	Policeman	1 "	77.78
J M Kime	"	1 "	77.78
John Dunniston	"	1 "	77.78
Joe Fernandis	" Mitil & Horse feed $10.00	1 "	87.78
P M Kehoe	"	1 "	77.78
C Jones	"	1 "	77.78
Geo Heard	" Mitil & Horse feed $10.00	1 "	87.78
J E Archer	"	25 days	64.80
J C Clemans	"	12 "	30.80
Joe Beach	Special Policeman	2 "	5.18
Geo Barrett	" "	2 "	5.18
W W Robbins	" "	2 "	5.18
J Strong	" "	2 "	5.18
M C McGlennon	St & Sewer Com'r & feed for for foo	1 month	107.50
		Total	$1956.59

Alderman Coldwell moved that the pay roll be allowed and that warrants be drawn to cover as specified, provided; that this payment shall not be construed as a confirmation of any officer not already confirmed by the City Council. The motion seconded and carried.

Fire Dept pay roll The clerk also presented the Fire Department pay roll for the month of November 1896 amounting to $500.00 General Fund scrip.

Moved and seconded that the pay roll be allowed and that a warrant be drawn on the General Fund for $500.00 in favor of Dan Kelly Treasurer of the Fire Dept to cover. The motion was carried

Report of Finance Committee.

Chairman Stewart recommended the payment of the following bills:

Bills allowed

Chas Lisinsky	for int' on Park note May to Nov 1896	$13.35
B E Major	" 25 days on Sts at 2.35 pr day	58.75
M C McGlennon	" 2 men 6 days on Sts & Park	12.00
"	" 1 man 5 " " Sewer line	5.00
J J Sullivan	for 3½ days at 3.00 & 37½ days at 1.50 & cash pd out 2.00	57.25
	Total	$227.35

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Moved and seconded the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn to cover as specified, The motion was carried,

Bills, Communications &c.

Janitor's Salery raised

The presented and read a petition from Chas Westbrook Janitor City Hall asking for an increase of $10.00 per month on his salary
On motion seconded and carried the petition was referred to the Finance Committee

Tegmire

Moved and seconded that the Finance Committee be instructed to confer with Mr Tegmire the occupant of City's property on Campbell street, with a view of selling to him the City's interest in said property and report result to the Council at next regular meeting
The motion was carried,

There being no further business the Council then adjourned to meet Saturday Nov. 28th at 7.30 P.M.

Attest
W T Kitchens
City Clerk

Approved
G G Campbell
Mayor