Regular Meeting Friday, October 11th 1895

Council Chamber City Hall, Friday October 11th 1895.

The City Council met on the above date in regular session, Mayor R F Campbell presiding and the following Aldermen present; James Clifford G W Davis J F Kachler John O'Keefe E C Roberts and J L Whitmore. Absent aldermen A. S. Schutz and J. J. Stewart.

Moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. The motion was carried

Finance Committee

Bills allowed

Acting Chairman J L Whitmore of the Finance Committee recommended the payment of the following bills, viz;

Name	What issued for	Fund	Amt
D. McKenzie	For rent of City Hall Month of October 1895	Genl	12500
H. P. Noake	" Work done for Fire Dept	"	2325
H. G. Dunstan	" " " " "	"	1400
O. G. Seeton	" Horse Feed " " "	"	6100
W. W. Fink	" Ice to City Hall Sept 1895	"	900
El Paso Water Co	" rent 52 Fire Hydrants 3 Months	"	102000
" " "	" Water to 16 Flush Tanks Sept. 1895	"	9600
El Paso E L & Power Co	" Gas to City Hall Sept 1895	"	675
" " "	" 48 Arc Lamps @ $13.00 each Sept 1895	"	62400
S. W. T & T Co.	" rent of Telephone 3 Months end Sept 95 30	"	1200
McLean & Keays	" Gas Fixtures City Hall (Fire Dept	Spcl	195
Stafford Campbell	" Drugs charity & suplies to Fire Dept	"	3375
Hotel Dien	" missing sick paupers 35 days	"	3500
Henry Brieton	" Work done for Fire Dept	"	250
Burton & Lingo	" Lumber for Plaza	"	1357
J J Sullivan	" 3½ days work for City Engr @ 2.00 p day	St Em	700
L D Criswell	" 3½ " " " " " " "	"	700
John Steffian & Co	" suplies to St Commissioner	"	415
El Paso Water Co.	" Water for Street sprinkling Sept 1895	"	24640
A. Solomon	" Street sprinkling as per Con't	"	24250
B. E. Majors	" " Wagon 25 days at 2.15 pr day	"	5375
T H Bennett	" sharpening street tools	"	160
D. Cervantez	" 6 days work on Streets @ 1.00 p day	"	600
Angel Lopez	" 6 " " " Plaza " " " "	"	600
D. Hernandez	" 2 " " " Sewer " " " "	Sewer	200
Waters Pierce oil Co	" 10 gal oil to Fire Dept	R. E.	230
El Paso Water Co	" Water to Cottages Sept 1895	"	200
Geo Parker Co Clerk	" recording Pres'dts Proc rel to Got Park	"	150
H F Bloom	" work done at City Hall	"	325
Mrs. Lallie L Marks	" Type Writing 920 words	"	200
J H Harper & Bro	" Stationery to City officers	"	760
J R Montfort & Co	" repairs to Fire Dept	"	25
H. M. Hobel	" " for " " gas Fixtures	"	300
Herald News Co	" printing locals "	"	175
John Steffian & Co	" suplies to Art Well Supt	Art. W.	375
John Clerk	" 6½ days work on Art well	"	650
M Alvarez	" 4½ " " " " "	"	450
	Total		$269257

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

Artesian Well. American

Chairman Whitmore also presented a draft from the American Well Works for $1474.25/100 first payment on Artesian Well Machinery and moved that a warrant

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Well works bill $14.74 paid

be drawn for the amount in favor of the State National Bank of El Paso. The motion was carried.

Also a bill from Buff & Berger for $3.10/100 for repairing instrument and Express charges for the City Engineer

Buff & Berger

Moved and seconded that the bill be allowed and warrant drawn for the amt in favor of Geo C Wimberly, City Engineer, the motion was carried.

Moved and seconded that the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the mouth of the Sewer and fix it same as it was last year during the time the river was dry. The motion was carried.

A communication from City Recorder Leigh Clark requesting to be relieved from duty on account of ill health until he was able to attend to the office.

Moved and seconded that the request be granted and that L.H. Davis be elected to fill the office until such time as Mr Clark may be able to resume his duties.

L.H. Davis Recorder

The motion was carried.

The following petition was read and referred to the Finance Committee with power to act;

To the Hon City Council

El Paso Texas — Gentlemen;

Your petitioner respectfully represents to your honorable body that the City of El Paso owes him the sum of $405.57/100 heretofore allowed by your honorable body but not drawn by him, and he is in debt to the City of El Paso several hundred dollars for taxes, which he is willing to pay as far as his means will allow at present time.

Geo. Look Pet rel. to taxes

Your petitioner will pay on the following pieces of property as follows to wit;

60 ft of lot 86 Mills Map begining 65 ft 8 inches north of south line of lot 83 Mills between Block 15 & 16 Mills Map. also West 60 ft x 120 ft N W corner of Blk 7 Mills Map as is shown on tax rolls of 1893 on page 17 said rolls, and all of Block 161 amounting to $410.10/100

If your hon body will allow me to draw the said amount $405.57/100 heretofore allowed

Geo Look

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P. Murtah Moved and seconded that the City attorney be instructed to take action to recover damages from P Murtah for injury to city property, by driving his team and wagon over and breaking the City Engineers Transit.
The motion was carried
Moved and seconded that the council adjourn to meet Monday October 14th 1895 at 7 30 PM
The motion was carried and Council adjourned.

attest W
W T Kitchens
City Clerk

approved
R F Campbell
Mayor

Adjourned Regular Meeting Monday Oct 14th 1895
The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock PM of Monday October 14th 1895, Mayor Campbell presiding and Aldermen Clifford, Davis, Kachler, O'Keefe and Roberts present absent Aldermen Schutz Stewart and Whitmore,
The Minutes of Special meeting held Sept 30th 1895 were read and approved as read, The reading of all other minutes were on motion dispensed with
The following petition was read and referred to the Committee on Taxation, Viz:
To the Hon. City Council of the City of El Paso Tex.
Jno Woods pet rel to taxes Your petitioner, John Woods, respectfully represents to your honorable body that heretofore for the years 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892 & 1893 he faithfully paid his city taxes for said years, or if his property was sold for taxes that he afterwards redeemed the same, that from some oversight in Assessor it fails to appear upon the tax rolls that he paid his taxes for the years 1886, 1887 & 1888 but that he has his receipts for the years 1886 & 1888 that for the year 1887 he has been unable to find said receipt for said year 1887 though he well knows that he has paid the same. The records of the tax collectors office show in the hand writing of the tax collector Frank Merrill that said property of your petitioner became delinquent and was afterwards redeemed by him,
Wherefore your petitioner respectfully requests

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your honorable body to authorize the collector of taxes to examine into the matter and if satisfied that said taxes have been paid to make the proper entry upon the tax rolls

Very respectfully
John Woods, by
his atty Jay Good.

Artesian Well rel to

The following report of Col Ritter Superintendent of the Artesian Well was read and referred to the City Attorney with instructions to draw up contracts in accordance therewith:

To Hon City Council

Gentlemen:- I respectfully report that having made these contracts for Drillers, helpers and laborers to work on the artesian Well, as provided by my contract with the City, to wit; Albert Henkle and Richard H Ritter Drillers at $4.00/100 per day, H W Martin and C. McArthur as helpers @ $3.00 per day. These four men are to be paid an additional fifty cents per day for each day they work, provided their services are in all respects faithful and satisfactory to me as Superintendent. This payment is not due or payable until the Well is completed or my contract is terminated and then only upon the favorable report of the Superintendent that they are entitled to the same by reason of their good and faithful services as aforesaid. I have also employed John Clark and Harry Parrish as laborers at $2.00 per day. Each days service to be twelve hours - half day and half night and the men are subject to discharg at any time their services are not satisfactory to me as superintendent. The wages of the men are to be paid each Saturday after work commences on the report of time made by each man by the Supt to the council. In case the Well is shut down and work stopped then the men are to recieve one dollar per day, during such stop and shut down.

Richard Ritter, Supt

A Bid from the Cerrillos Coal and Railroad Co to furnish coal to the Artesian Well for $6.25 per ton was read. The Mayor also stated that the T & P Railroad Co offered to furnish coal at $5.25 per ton. The matter was referred to the Mayor and Superintendent with power to act. A Freight bill of A T & S F R R for $414.92 was allowed and warrant ordered drawn.

Council then adjourned.

approved
R F Campbell
Mayor

W. T. Kitchens City Clerk

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Council Chamber City Hall Friday October 18th 1895.

The City Council met in regular session on the above date Mayor Campbell presiding and Aldermen Clifford, Davis, Kachler, O'Keefe, Roberts and Whitmore present Aldermen Schutz and Stewart absent.

The minutes of regular meetings of Oct 4th, 11th and 14th were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the proceeding of the Board of Equalization were approved, said minutes are recorded on pages 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226 and 227 of this Book ("G")

Reports of City Officers

The City Attorney reported as follows;

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council

In the matter of the claim of the city against P. Murtah for damages to the Engine Transit belonging to the city. I respectfully submit and report; Mr Murtah offers to compromise and settle the claim by paying the City $50.00 within six months from date with interest at 6% he giving his note therefor.

P. Murtah proposal accepted

Respectfully
J E Townsend
city. atty

Moved and seconded that the proposition of Mr Murtah be accepted and that the city attorney be instructed to attend to the matter. The motion was carried.

Reports of Committees

Police

Police report Sept 1/95 app'd

Chairman Kachler reported that he had examined the report of the Chief of Police for the month of September 1895 and had found the same to be correct and recommended that the report be approved and filed. On motion it was so ordered.

Finance

Acting Chairman Whitmore recomanded the payment of the following bills to wit;

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Bills allowed

Name	What issued for	Amt
A R Lucero	for taking small Box patient to Pest House	650
Geo D Barnard & Co	" 2 delinquent tax records	4000
C F Slack & Co.	" Groceries to Pest House and for Charity	950
D Dominguez	" 6 days work on streets at $1.00 pr day	600
Angel Lopez	" 6 " " " Plaza " " " "	600
Juan Ochoa	" 6 " " " Sewer " " " "	600
D Hernandez	" 2 " " " " " " "	200
A Henkle	" 17 " " " Art well " $4.00 " "	6800
R H Ritter	" 7 " " " " " " " "	2800
H W Martin	" 9 " " " " " " $3.00 " "	2700
C McArthur	" 4 " " " " " " " "	1200
H E Parrish	" 2 " " " " " " $2.00 " "	400
John Clark	" 5½ " " " " " " " "	1700
Dan Kelly	" supplies to Art well Supt	333
W W Fink	" " " " " "	370
	Total	$23303

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

City Treas. report app'd

Chairman Whitmore also reported that his committee had examined and checked up the quarterly report of the City Treasurer for the quarter begining July 10th and ending Oct 10th 1895 and found it to be correct. And moved that the report be approved and filed, The motion was carried

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

Funds	On hand July 10th 1895	Receipts	Totals	Disbursements	On hand Oct 10th 1895	Warrants Outstanding
General	61835	95164	156999	69391	87608	3522154
Special	174522	204311	221763½	195377	26386½	232239
Street Maintenance	385750½	19259	405009½	170323	234686½	
" Improvement	12607½	1031	13638½		13638½	
Sewer Extension	62709½	7855	70564½	39735	30829½	
Contingent	710		710	525	185	
Artesian Water	528667		528667	241580	287087	
Real Estate	15276	26560	41836	13138	28698	
Sewer Bonds & Int	399506½	5067	404573½		404573½	
W. Wks " " "	1316977½	25232	1342209½		1342209½	
Fund Int " " "	129520½	3854	133374½	60300	73074½	
Pub School " " "	224906	6078	230984	90450	140534	
Art Water " " "	808726	3052	811778		811778	
Grand Totals	3964624½	397464	4362088½	1817314	2544774	2317543

Received from

J H Smith	2385.03
E M Fink	1324.00
J. J. Stewart	212.60
Mrs L C Robinson	53.00
Total receipts	$3974.63

General Fund good to Treas No 2545
Special " " " " " 1304
all other funds are cash

Respectfully submitted for approval
C W Fassett
City Treasurer
El Paso Texas

Ending Oct 10th 1895

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Treas No	Clk No	Amount	Treas No	Clk No	Amount	Treas No	Clk No	Amount	Treas No	Clk No	Amount	Treas No	Clk No	Amount
Special			Fund			Street Maintenance			Real Estate			Sewer		
1300	522		1250	742	356	100 00	88	94		660	409	237		
1304	523		900	741	355	600	87	96		1000	408	238		
1291	518		795	740	354	600	85	97		100	407	236		
1295	526		700 00	739	349	200	86	93		340	406	235		
1296	524		700 00	738	353	600	84	81		115	405	234		
1272	498		1000 00	737	352	600	83	92		160	404	233		
1282	502		250	736	350	600	82	74		200	403	229		
1287	519		400	735	351	600	80	74		1245	402	230		
1284	530		700 00	734	346	290	81	87		1500	401	232		
1273	472		145	732	345	228 00	79	89		575	400	231		
1281	500		900 00	733	344	6210	78	85		875	397	227		
1290	514		885	731	347	9600	77	86		200	396	228		
1289	517		1000	730	348	24640	76	93		285	399	226		
1243	466		355	729	342	600	75	82		330	398	225		
1277	505		700 00	728	343	600	74	80		525	395	224		
1278	507		700 00	726	339	100 00	72	65		190	392	222		
1279	504		700 00	727	341	600	71	79		150	393	220		
1275	512		1650	725	340	600	73	76		100	394	223		
1276	510		1800	723	337	600	70	78		450	391	217		
1271	506		700 00	724	338	600	69	69		715	390	216		
1274	509		1400 00	722	335	600	68	77		1500	388	219		
1241	471		300	721	336	600	66	73		250	389	218		
1240	468		700	720	331	225	67	66		30	387	215		
1248	475		1000 00	718	330	5980	65	71		203	386	214		
1270	499		1250 00	719	329	23578	64	70		275	385	211		
1269	501		700 00	716	334	600	63	67		545	384	213		
1268	508		450 00	717	333	600	92	90		200	410	239		
1266	497		1415	715	328	24640	90	95		100	Total			
1265	496		950	713	327	600	91	72		100				
1261	492		1000	714	326	600	89	91		200				
1260	487		400	712	325	100 00	Total			13138				
1263	495		800	711	322	600								
1264	468		130	710	323	300								
1267	502		7000 00	709	324	600								
1258	477		900 00	708	315	3615								
1259	491		3400	706	320	600								
1262	494		1188	707	319	600								
1257	490		1414	705	321	595								
1255	482		7000 00	701	314	1150								
1285	516		1288	702	317	600								
1293	531		2500	703	316	600								
1292	511		330	704	315	600								
1301	527		7000 00	744	357	600								
1302	528		7000 00	743	358	600								
1303	529		7000 00	Total		70322								
1288	520		930											
1283	515		400											
Total			93377											

Treas No	Clk No	Amount
General		
150	2218	333	3 00
450	2450	559	21 50
400	2507	620	12 00
150	2281	329	3 00
400	2537	638	25 00
200	2535	639	10 00
105	2539	672	119 31
765	2516	631	29 60
400	2528	641	25 00
100	2529	640	25 00
1000	2530	643	25 00
400	2531	646	50 00
100	2527	649	100 00
400	2526	647	125 00
400	2521	621	30 00
1745	2523	636	40 50
2110	2355	456	50 00
300	Total		693 91
1740			
400	Artesian Water		
1750			
2250	17	12	9 45
400	16	14	14 00
400	15	13	13 50
19420	14	9	143 01
300	13	8	50 15
500	12	7	431 99
397 35	18	10	238 91
	19	11	40 54
	20	15	1474 25
	Total		2415 80
	Contingent		
	38	33	5 25
	Total		5 25
	Public School St		
	11	5	904 50
	Total		904 50
	Fund Incl St		
	11	5	603 00
	Total		603 00

Taxation

A & C's Report for Sept. 95 app'd

Chairman Clifford of the above committee reported that his committee had examined the monthly report of the Assessor and Collector for the month of September 1895. and recommended that the report be approved and filed, and that a warrant be drawn on the Special fund in favor of J. H. Smith (the A & C) for $8 49/100 being 30% on $28.83 12/100 Occupation tax collected and turned over to the City Treasurer,

Moved and seconded that the recommendations of the committee be carried out.

The motion was carried

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Bills and Communications

Map J L Campbell proposal to sell

A Communication from J L Campbell proposing to sell to the city a complete map of the city of El Paso which he had compiled, Price of map $300.00. was referred to the taxation committee in conjunction with the City Engineer and the Assessor and collector

G L Hitt

A pitition from G. L. Hitt asking permission to move a wood building on to lots 11 & 12 Block 147 campbells addition, was referred to the Building committee with power to act.

The following agreement between Richard Ritter Supt. Artesian Well and A. Henkle and R H Ritter Drillers was read and approved, viz

Artesian Well, rel to contracts with A. Henkle & R H Ritter Drillers

State of Texas
El Paso County } This agreement made and entered into this seventh day of October 1895 by and between Richard Ritter Superintendent of the Artesian Well for the city of El Paso Texas of the first part and Albert Henkle and R H Ritter Well Drillers of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the said Richard Ritter Superintendent as aforesaid has employed and hired the said Albert Henkle and Richard H Ritter to work on the Artesian well about to be bored and sunk by said City of El Paso Texas at the rate and price of four dollars for each days service of twelve hours, rendered by each of said parties, said service to be half day and half night and paid on each Saturday after work commences upon the report of time made each week, by each of said parties aforesaid, by said Superintendent to the Council of the city of El Paso.

The parties of the second part each for himself hereby agrees and undertakes to render said city of El Paso good, honest and faithful service so long as they or either of them shall remain in the service and employ of said city, that they and each of them will at all times and under all circumstances diligently and faithfully observe and obey all orders and instructions given them or either of them by Richard Ritter Superintendent of said well, and at no time absent themselves from said Well and work without consent and permission of the said Richard Ritter. That at any time when said Well and Work shall be shut down and stopped for any cause, they and each of them will take their regular turn standing guard or Watch at said Well, without any extra pay or charge except as

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hereinafter provided,

It is hereby expressly agreed and understood. That if the services of either of the said parties of the second part shall at any time be unsatisfactory to said Richard Ritter Superintendent aforesaid, then and in that event said Richard Ritter shall have the right to discharge both or either of said parties of the second part from the service of said City, and this contract shall be terminated as to both or either of said parties so discharged from the date of such discharge.

It is agreed and understood that at any time work is stopped and Well shut down that the city of El Paso will pay each of said parties of the second part at the rate of one dollar per day for board and services as guard or watch on said Well for the time the well is so shut down as hereinbefore stated, It is further agreed and understood that if the services of both or either of said parties of the second part shall in all respects be diligent and faithful and entirely satisfactory to said Richard Ritter Superintendent as aforesaid, then and in that event the city of El Paso will pay to both or either of said parties of the second part fifty cents for each day he or they have worked on said well, as a reward for good and faithful service, said reward shall not be due and payable until the Well is completed, or said Richard Ritter's contract as superintendent has been terminated and then only upon the favorable report of the said Richard Ritter Superintendent as aforesaid.

It is agreed that this contract shall end and terminate at any time said Richard Ritter's contract as Superintendent is terminated with the city, and that this contract shall not be in force until approved by the city Council of the City of El Paso Texas

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto subscribed their names, the day and year first above Written

Richard Ritter
Supt Artesian Well for the
City of El Paso Texas
Albert Henkle
R. H. Ritter

State of Texas
County of El Paso } This agreement made and entered into this eighth day of October 1895, by and between Richard Ritter Superintendent of the Artesian well for the city of

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Rel to Contract with: H W Martin & C McArthur

El Paso Texas of the first part and H. W. Martin and C McArthur of the second part.

Witnesseth; That the said Richard Ritter Superintendent as aforesaid has employed and hired the said H W Martin and C McArthur to work on the artesian well about to be bored and sunk by said City of El Paso Texas at the rate and price of three dollars for each days services of twelve hours rendered by each of said parties, said services to be half day and half night and paid on each Saturday after work commences upon the report of time made each week by each of said aforesaid by said Superintendent to the Council of the City of El Paso.

The parties of the second part each for himself hereby agree and undertake to render said City of El Paso, good, honest and faithful service so long as they or either of them shall remain in the service and employ of said city, that they and each of them will at all times and under all circumstances diligently and faithfully observe and obey all orders and instructions given to them by Richard Ritter Superintendent of said well, and at no time absent themselves from said well and work without the consent and permission of said Richard Ritter.

That at any time when said Well and work shall be shut down and stopped for any cause, they and each of them will take their regular turn standing guard or watch at said well, without any extra pay or charge except as hereinafter provided.

It is hereby expressly agreed and understood that if the services of either of said parties of the second part, shall at any time be unsatisfactory to Richard Ritter Superintendent as aforesaid, then and in that event, said Richard Ritter shall have the right to discharge both or either of the said parties of the second part from the service of said city and this contract shall be terminated as to both or either of said parties so discharged from the date of such discharge

It is agreed and understood that at any time work is stopped and the well shut down that the City of El Paso will pay each of said parties of the second part at the rate of one dollar per day for board and services as guard or watch at said Well for the time the well is so shut down as hereinbefore stated. It is further agreed and understood that if the services of both or either of said parties of

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said parties of the second part shall in all respects be diligent and faithful and in all respects entirely satisfactory to said Richard Ritter Superintendent as aforesaid, then and in that event the city of El Paso will pay both or either of said parties of the second part fifty cents for each day he or they shall have worked on said well as a reward for good and faithful services, Said reward shall not be due and payable untill the Well is completed or said Richard Ritter's contract as Superintendent has been terminated, and then only upon the favorable report of said Richard Ritter, Superintendent as aforesaid.

It is agreed that this contract shall and terminate at any time said Richard Ritter's as Superintendent is terminated with the city, and that this contract shall not be in force until approved by the city Council of the City of El Paso.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto subscribed their names, the day and year first above Written,

Richard Ritter
Supt art well for the
City of El Paso Texas
H W Martin
C. McArthur

A communication from N. Stokes asking for a position on the Police force was read and referred to the Mayor.

Electric Lights Rel to

Mr J. J. White representing the Electric Light Co of El Paso appeared before the council and requested that the Council take some action in regard to the bid of his company to furnish street lights to the city for the ensuing five years, which had been referred to a committee some time ago.

Chairman Roberts of the Fire and Water committee stated that the bid had been referred to his committee and that they would report at the next meeting of the council.

There being no further business the council adjourned.

attest
W J Kitchens
City Clerk

approved
R F Campbell
Mayor

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Council Chamber City Hall El Paso Texas
Friday October 26th 1895

The City Council met in regular session on the above date Mayor Campbell presiding and Aldermen Clifford, Davis Kachler O'Keefe Roberts and Whitmore present absent Aldermen Schutz and Stewart.

The minutes of regular meeting held Oct 18th 1895 was read and approved as read.

The Clerk read the following communication from the Mayor which on motion was referred to the Fire and Water committee. viz;

To the Honorable City Council

Gentlemen;- Your attention is called to the condition of the Artesian Water Fund.

Artesian Water Fund.

There is now in the hands of the city Treasurer about $2,800.00, Debts have been contracted payable out of this fund, now due and payable, for about $3100.00 which leaves this fund about $300.00 in debt. We hope to commence active operations on the Artesian Well about November the 3d at a cost of nearly $40.00 per day expense to the city. Now in order to meet this expense. I would recommend that we cancel fourteen of the Artesian Well Bonds which give us of the interest and sinking funds collected on these bonds about five or six thousand dollars with which to complete the Artesian Well. On the cancellation of these bonds, said interest and sinking funds can then be transferred to the Artesian Water fund

Respectfully
R. F. Campbell
Mayor

Reports of City Officers

The City Attorney submitted the following report viz;

K. & D. vs F. F. Merrill dismissed

In the case of Kittelsen & Degetau vs F. F. Merrill Collector &c No 1843 in the District court, has been dismissed and costs paid by plaintiff.

P. Murtha Paid

I hand you herewith city Treasurers receipt for note of P. Murtha and John Sorrensen for $30.00 taken in settlement of the claim of the city against Murtha as instructed by you at your last meeting. said receipt reads as follows;

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Recieved of J. E. Townsend city atty, one note dated Oct 19th 1895 for ($50.00) fifty dollars due april 30th 1895 payable to C W Fassett city Treasurer of El Paso Texas. 6% interest from date, signed by P Murtha and John Sorenson.

C W Fassett
City Tr

Oct 25th 1895

The Sewer Commissioner reported that the cistern at the sewer pumping station needed cleaning out,
Moved and seconded that the Sewer commissioner be instructed to have the city Scavenger attend to the matter
The motion was carried

Finance

Bills allowed

Acting Chairman Whitmore of the Finance committee recommended the payment of the following bills;

J H Baker	For furniture and suplies to Pest House	General	12	00
L H Davis	" services 7 days as city Recorder	Special	23	33 1/3
Singer Sewing mach co.	" Sewing machine table to clerks office	Real Est	1	50
D Dominguez	" 6 days work on streets @ 1.00	St Maint	6	00
Angel Lopez	" 6 " " " Plaza " "	"	6	00
D Hernandez	" 3 " " " Sewer " "	"	3	00
Albert Henkle	" 6 " " " Art Well " 4.00	Art well	24	00
R. H. Ritter	" 6 " " " " " "	" "	24	00
H W Marling	" 6 " " " " " " 3.00	" "	18	00
C. McArthur	" 6 " " " " " "	" "	18	00
H E Parrish	" 6 " " " " " " 2.00	" "	12	00
J J Sullivan	" 5 " " " " " "	" "	10	00
John Clark	" 1/2 " " " " " "	" "	1	00
Total			$158	83 1/3

Moved and seconded that the bills be allowed and Warrants drawn as specified, the motion was carried.

Taxation

Chairman Clifford made the following report which was ordered filed and the recommendations carried out. Viz;

To the Hon city council

Jno Woods rel to taxes

Your committee to whom was referred the matter as to whither or not John Woods has paid his taxes on Block 4 Mills being east 50 ft of lot 22 in the city of El Paso for the years 1886 1887 1888,
Your committee upon investigation finds that for the years 1886 and 1888 the said John Woods holds redemption deeds, that for the year 1887 there is an entry on the redemption roll to the effect that the said property was redeemed and the further fact that the said John Woods

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holds his tax receipts for the years 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893 leads us to the conclusion that the taxes have been paid for the years 1886, 1887 and 1888, and we recommend that the tax collector be authorized to correct the tax rolls for the taxes due for said years 1886 1887 & 1888 by giving John Woods credit on said rolls for amounts as shown

James Clifford
Chairman

Mr Clifford also made the following report;

Gentlemen

Map of the City purchased

Your committee to whom was referred the proposition of Mr J L Campbell to sell to the city a complete map of the same, prepared by himself from data obtained from actual surveys made during the four years he served as city Engineer, beg leave to report as follows

1st In conjunction with the city Engineer and the city Assessor and collector we have thoroughly examined the map and find that it is not only neatly and correctly drawn, but contains valuable data which is lacking in the various addition maps of the city. For instance; the distances and angles of many fractional and irregular blocks are properly shown in figures, a lack of this information on the addition maps has been a source of much annoyance to the Engineering Dept. of the city and to the Assessor and collector in correctly locating property found in fractional and irregular blocks of which there are a great many.

2d In view of the fact that the city is without an official Map and is very much in need of one we respectfully recommend that the proposition of Mr J L Campbell be accepted as the price asked is reasonable and that a warrant for the same be drawn in his favor for Three Hundred ($300 00) dollars

Respectfully submitted
James Clifford Chairman
J H Smith City A & C
Geo C Wimberly " Eng'r

Moved and seconded that the recommendations be carried out and a warrant drawn on the Gen'l Fund in favor of J L Campbell for $300 00/100

for payment in full for said map.
The motion was carried.

Building

G L Hitt permit to move wood building

Chairman Whitmore of the Building committee reported that in the matter of permit asked for by G L Hitt and which was referred to his committee at the last meeting of the council would recommend that the permit be granted, to G L Hitt to move wooden building on to lots 11 & 12 Block 142 Campbells addition and that the Clerk be authorized to issue said permit. It was so Ordered.

Fire & Water

Electric Light Co rel to

Chairman Roberts of the above committee presented the following:
Your committee would recommend that the city accept a contract with the Electric Light Co. for two years from Jan 1st 1896 for $25.00 per light per month in cash or its equivalent
Mr G H White representing the Electric Light Co who was present said; he could not accept the proposition without the consent of his company
Alderman Davis moved that the present contract with the Electric Light Co. stand until April 1896 and that the city pay $13.00 for each light per month in cash.
Alderman Roberts offered a substitute that the matter be allowed to lay over until next Friday night. The substitute was agreed to.

Artesian Well. J.J. Sullivan Employed

Col Ritter notified the council that he had employed J J Sullivan as labour on the Artesian Well, vice John Clark resigned, on motion the action of Col Ritter was approved
Clerk presented the Monthly payroll for the Fire Department employees for the month of October 1895, which was on motion referred to the Finance committee

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The following communication from the Board of Health was read

To the Hon City Council

El Paso Texas, Gentlemen; In view of the fact

Board of health rel to

now generally recognized that bacteriological examinations are necessary in order to efficiently detect and prevent infectious diseases, This Board would earnestly advise that you appropriate a sum of Money not to exceed $125.00 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health in the purchase of a suitable outfit with which to make their investigations, It will then be in the power of any practicing physician to learn within twenty four hours, by leaving secretion from suspect with Health Physician whether the suspect is suffering from contageous disease and whether it is necessary to enforce isolation etc

Very Respectfully
W N Vilas
Pres'd Board of Health

Alward White M D
Secretary

Moved and seconded that the request of the Board of Health be granted and that the clerk be instructed to draw a warrant on the Real Estate fund in favor of Dr W. N. Vilas for $125.00. The Motion was carried.

Charity

A communication from E. W. S. Neff was read, asking that the city furnish transportation to Louis Lombs from El Paso to Los Angeles on acct of charity.

On Motion the Matter was referred to the following committee appointed by the Mayor Messrs Roberts Clifford and Whitmore.

Street Sprinklers

A communication from A. Solomon relative to having the Street Sprinkling carts, Stand pipes &c put in repair was referred to the Fire and Water Committee.

Artesian Well

The Bill of El Paso Transfer Co for hauling 71705 lbs of Artesian Well Machinery and coal, amt $53.35 was referred to the was allowed. The bill of the Cerrillos Coal and R R Co. for 30600 lbs coal to Artesian Well was allowed amt @ $6.25 per ton $96.63, and a warrant ordered drawn on the Artesian Water Fund.

Moved and seconded that the City Physician be authorized to employ some person to take care

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Pest house

of the Pest House at a price not to exceed $2.50 per month
The motion was carried

acequia bridge

Alderman Whitmore reported that the Acequia Bridge on San Antonio Street was in a dangerous condition and recommended that the Street commissioner be instructed to have it repaired, It was so ordered

Tax rolls delinquent

City Assessor and Collector Smith presented the delinquent tax rolls to the Council, and asked for instructions about having them published
On motion the Assessor and Collector and the City Clerk were instructed to prepare a copy of the record for publication.

There being no further business the Council adjourned.

Attest
W T Kitchens
City Clerk

Approved
R G Campbell
Mayor