



EXTRACT FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS 1882-1931 PERTAINING TO FIRE HYDRANTS

June 8, 1882

Committee be assigned to designate the number of hydrants required by the City and the locations of said hydrants and report to next meeting for fire purposes. Establish fire limits in city.

September 13, 1882

R.W. Leatherwood appeared in behalf of the Tucson Water Company and asked that the thirty days further time be granted for completion of bringing water into the City. It was operating under Ordinance No. 35. Ordinance No. 38 was made and granted until October 15, 1882.

October 6, 1882

The Tucson Water Company hereby proposes to erect at its own expense twenty-five fire hydrants at the point designated by the City Council and so noted by the City Engineer and furnish water to said hydrants for fire protection and for hose company practices for the sum of \$100 per hydrant per year. Payable monthly in City Warrants. The contract to extend for/during the term of the Tucson Water Company's franchise under Ordinance No. 35.

January 4, 1883

C/M Levin and Committee appointed to make a bargain with Tucson Water Company in regard to hydrants and water for the use of. Tully reported that he had been unable to come to make any agreement satisfactory arrangements with the Water Company, and asked that the matter be referred to full Council to act upon which was granted.

April 2, 1883

Eight more hydrants added January 19, 1883, offer accepted by R.N. Leatherwood for the Tucson Water Company. Also, suggested eight more hydrants.

April 11, 1883

B.C. Parker, Chairman of the Fire Department Committee, reported the results of his inspection of fire hydrants within the City in place and in good order. He reported the following thirty-five hydrants are in good order at the following locations:

**S.E. corner Main and Congress
S.E. corner Main and Pennington
S.E. corner Meyer and Franklin
N.E. corner Meyer and Washington
N.E. corner Meyer and Alameda
S.E. corner Meyer and Pennington
N.E. corner Meyer and Messella
S.E. corner Meyer and Camp
S.E. corner Meyer and Jackson
S.E. corner Meyer above Ochoa
N.E. corner Meyer and McCormick
N.E. corner Convent and McCormick
N.E. corner Convent and Corral
N.E. corner Convent and Ochoa
S.E. corner Convent and Camp
 Church Plaza and Congress
N.E. corner Court and Pennington
N.E. corner Court and Alameda
S.E. corner Court and Council Street
S.W. corner Church and Alameda
N.W. corner Church and Pennington
N.E. corner Church and Congress
S.W. corner Stone Ave. and McCormick
N.W. corner Stone Ave. and Corral
N.E. corner Stone Ave. and Ochoa
S.W. corner Stone Ave. and Camp
S.W. corner Stone Ave. and Congress
N.W. corner Stone Ave. and Pennington
N.E. corner Stone Ave. and Alameda
N.E. corner Congress and School House Lane
N.E. corner Congress and Sixth Avenue
S.E. corner Tenth Street and 5th Avenue
S.E. corner Pennington and Toole Avenue
S.W. corner Pennington and School House Lane
S.W. corner Church and Franklin Street**

October 2, 1883

The following bills paid by the City Council for the Water Department:

**Sprinkling Main Street - \$125.00 paid to Joseph Phy
Water for hydrants - \$216.25 paid to R.N. Leatherwood**

March 11, 1884

A communication was received from the chief engineer of the Fire Department in regard to putting in more hydrants, also in regard to a hydrant out of order.

May 5, 1884

Water bill for hydrants went up to \$231.25. Council approved today locating and establishing five new hydrants.

September 1, 1884

Council resolved that the Tucson Water Company be required to examine their fire hydrants once every week to see that they are in good condition.

March 3, 1885

That the City compel the Tucson Water Company to stick with the terms of franchise, to place meters on hydrants now used for fire purposes; for the measuring which ever water the City used to be paid at a cent per gallon as their written offer. If refused to do this will declare their franchise void.

February 21, 1902

L. Zeckendorf was accepted to provide the following:

**Furnishing 1" and 1½" iron pipe
1500 feet of 6" pipe
3 fire hydrants
Carload of 2" iron pipe for extending water service.**

July 30, 1903

The Water superintendent and City Clerk are instructed to advertise for bids for the following material:

3000' 4" cast iron pipe
480' 6" cast iron pipe
4 6 x 4 crosses
3 4 x 4 crosses
7 6" plugs
6 4" plugs
2 Ludlow hydrants
4 " valves
1400 lbs. lead
1000 lbs. yarn

For construction
of line - City Ordinance
#162

September 7, 1909

A petition was signed requesting a hydrant on Meyers, north of Franklin and was referred to the Water Department.

October 18, 1916

The City Manager then submitted a report and recommendation that an 8" water main be laid on East 6th Street between 1st Avenue and Tyndall Avenue. That a 4" main be laid on East 8th and 10th Streets between Tyndall and Park Avenue; that fire hydrants be placed at the intersections of Park Avenue and 6th, 8th and 10th Street; that a 6" main be laid on 6th Street between Tyndall and Park Avenues, and on motion of Councilman Barnard, duly made seconded and carried, the recommendation was adopted.

January 6, 1921

Councilman Bowyer reported that the fire hydrants and alarm boxes should be repainted, and the only cost to the City would be the paint, the purchase of paint was authorized, and the Fire Chief was instructed to superintend the painting of the fire hydrants and the fire alarm boxes.

April 7, 1921

And an additional fire hydrant at the intersection of North Meyer and 6th Street. Without objection the matter of an extra hydrant was left to the Fire Committee and the Fire Chief.

July 19, 1921

On motion of Councilman Grossetta, duly made, seconded and carried, the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for fire hydrants, in accordance with specifications now on file in the office of the City Engineer.

April 1, 1921

This being the time set for the opening of bids for fire hydrants to be purchased by the City, on motion of Councilman Grossetta, duly made, seconded and carried, the bids were opened, examined, read and publicly declared, the names of the bidders being as follows:

**R.D. Wood & Company
Albert Steinfeld & Company
Crane Company
J.H. Mulrein Plumbing & Supply Company
W.J. Corbett Hardware Company**

August 6, 1921

A petition, signed by a number of property owners in the Rincon Heights Addition and Depuy & Young's Eastside Addition, asking that East 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Streets be graded, and for the construction of the necessary water pipes and hydrants to connect the property with the water mains, was read, and on motion of Councilman Brooks, duly made, seconded and carried, the City Engineer was instructed to prepare the necessary resolutions, plats, etc., for the improvement.

December 13, 1923

Councilman Pryce then brought up the matter of fire hydrants on the extension of Seventh Street beyond Campbell Avenue in Fairmount Addition; and stated that the residents of this district were willing to install three hydrants without expense to the city if the city would furnish the hydrants. After discussion, during which the Water Superintendent said that a few hydrants should be kept on hand. The Water Superintendent was authorized to purchase six fire hydrants.

January 21, 1924

Mr. Headman, who is putting in the pipe line to St. Mary's, had made a request that the City include two additional fire hydrants in their next order for hydrants, and that he would reimburse the City upon receipt of same. The water Superintendent of the Water Department was authorized to purchase the additional hydrants.

May 5, 1924

J.B. McDonald asking the Council for an estimate of the cost of installing a fire hydrant at Alameda and Bonita Street, was referred to the Water Superintendent to estimate the cost of fitting, labor, etc.

July 7, 1924

Mr. Starkweather then addressed the Council and asked that a four-inch pipe line be extended down Rincon Road a distance of about 657 feet; also Dr. Martin would like an additional fire hydrant for the protection of the campus, the matter was referred to the Water Committee and Finance Committee.

April 6, 1925

From the Board of Supervisors, asking that the City install a fire hydrant near the entrance to the Pima County Hospital on South 6th Avenue, the request was granted.

January 25, 1926

Upon recommendation of the Water Superintendent, he was authorized to furnish the Tucson Indian School with one fire hydrant at cost.

August 2, 1926

The Superintendent of the Water Department requesting authority to purchase one hundred fifty tons of six-inch cast iron pipe and twenty-four fire hydrants. Mr. Whitacre stated that the purchase of the pipe and hydrants would cost about ten or eleven thousand dollars, Councilman Holbert moved that the Superintendent of the Water Department be authorized to purchase one hundred fifty tons of six-inch cast iron pipe and twenty-four fire hydrants.

The Superintendent of the Water Department stated that the Tucson Tourist Hotel Company had asked permission to purchase fire hydrant from the City, and upon motion, the Superintendent of the Water Department was authorized to sell the hydrant to the Tourist Hotel Company for \$35.00.

July 25, 1927

The Superintendent of the Water Department asked for authority to purchase about \$4,500 worth of valves and about \$8,000 worth of fire hydrants. He was authorized to purchase the same.

January 26, 1931

Mrs. Isabelle Greenway, requesting the installation of fire hydrants in order to provide more adequate fire protection for her residence

and the Arizona Inn in the Olsen Addition, was read.

Moved by Councilman Cusick, the matter was referred to the Water Committee, Water Superintendent, City Engineer, and Fire Chief for investigation and to report back to the Council.

February 16, 1931

Water Superintendent Martin reported that the installation of three fire hydrants in Olsen Addition, as authorized by the Council on February 2, 1931, has been completed at a cost of \$258.26. The letter was placed in file.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Extract from City of Tucson Mayor and Council Minutes pertaining to Water Department 1879-1931

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps 1883, 1886, 1904 and 1909

Fire Wards and Fire Hydrants in the City of Tucson 1900 FN83-12R

Map of the City of Tucson Showing Existing High Pressure Water Mains 1905 FN83-5R

City of Tucson Plan of Water Distribution System 1907 FN83-6R

City of Tucson System of Water Distribution 1916 FN83-10R

**EARLY FIRE
HYDRANTS**

LOCATION/SOURCE	1886 SANBORN FIRE INS. MAP	1900 C.O.T. FIRE WARD MAP	1904 SANBORN FIRE INS. MAP	1905 C.O.T. WATER SYSTEM	1907 C.O.T. WATER SYSTEM	1909 SANBORN FIRE INS. MAP	1916 C.O.T. WATER SYSTEM
CONVENT & CUSHING	NONE	NW	NW	NE	NE&SW	SW	SW
CONVENT & SIMPSON	NONE	SW	SW	NE	NE&SW	SW	SW
CONVENT & KENNEDY	NONE			NE	NE&NW	NW	NW
MYERS & CUSHING	NONE	W	W	NE	SE	SE	SE
MYERS & SIMPSON	NONE			SE	SW	SW	SW
MYERS & KENNEDY	NONE			SE	NW&SE	NW	NW

**NUMBER FIRE HYDRANTS VS MILES OF
MAINS**

	1883	1900	1909	1931	1951	1970	1990	1999
FIRE HYDRANTS	34	62	296	566	1091	5382	10631	14820
MILES MAINS	8	15	42	105	302	1594	3330	3640

