Council Room April 3rd 1885

Regular meeting of the Council above date, Alderman Buchanan Mayor Pro tem. in the chair, directed the roll called, present Alderman Dougher, Dieter, Hills and Bassett, also Marshal Boring.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and adopted.

A communication from Senor Escobar, Mexican Consul, in reference to the sewerage of the City of El Paso being thrown into the Rio Grande River was read, and on motion carried was referred to the Mayor with the request that he answer same, and notify Senor Escobar, that the Sewer pipes from the City now constructed and which empty into the Rio Grande were constructed by private parties with the consent of the City Authorities

Moved and Seconded, that the Council of the Bureau of Information of the City of El Paso, are hereby granted the free use of the City Hall when not in use by the Officials of the City, carried.

A communication from Asst Chief of Fire Dept Ben F Levy, was read, asking a leave of absence for 60 days from the 3rd Apl 1885, also stating that he had appointed E A Stuart Acting Chief until the return of the Chief of department.

Moved & Seconded, that leave of absence as requested is hereby granted Ben F Levy Asst Chief, and the appointment of E A Stuart Acting Chief is approved. Carried.

Moved and Second, that H F Stacey and J H Louden be and they are hereby appointed Water Commissioners with Mr. Jose Barilla, carried.

The Reports of City Clerk and Marshal for the month of March, referred to Commr on Finance,

The following resolution presented by Aldn Dieter,

Resolved that the City Marshal

is hereby instructed to inspect, or cause to be inspected all premises and yards located within the populated portions of this City, as to their sanitary condition, that when he finds such yards, premises or out buildings not to be in proper sanitary condition he shall forthwith notify the occupant thereof to remove any objectionable matter and to put their premises in proper sanitary condition within ten (10) days from such notice, or case that any owner, person or occupant of any premises, who receives such notice as above provided, shall fail to comply, then it shall be the duty of the Marshal and his Assistants to bring such person or persons before his Hon. the Mayor whose duty it shall be to fine all such persons found guilty of maintaining their premises not in proper sanitary condition according to law. Carried.

The following resolution presented by Alderman Dietz,

Resolved that from and after date the sum of One and 50/100 dollars be allowed out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the owner of any team furnished for the purpose of hauling any hose cart or hose & ladder cart belonging to the City of El Paso, to any fire within the fire limits and that the sum of Two dollars be allowed as above provided, for hauling such apparatus to any fire not within said fire limits provided that the bill for such service be presented to the City Council properly endorsed by the Chief of the Fire Depth. or his Assistants within thirty days from the time such service are rendered, any other resolution conflicting with this is hereby repealed. Carried.

Council adjourned.

Attest

O B Beall

City Clk

Mayor Pro Tem

Council Room Apl 17th 1885

Regular meeting of the City Council above date.
Jos. Magoffin Mayor in the Chair, directed the Roll called, present Aldermen. Dougher. Dieter Hills, Schuster. Bassett. and Marshal Boring,
Minutes of preceding meeting read and adopted.
Petition of W M Davis. C O Coffin & others in reference to Side Walks being put upon El Paso Street between Francisco & Second Streets. was present. and On Motion Carried same was refered to Comm on Streets Grades and public improvements.
A copy of resolutions adopted by the Central Comm of the Bureau of Information and Citizens at a meeting held by them on the 14th inst. were presented.
Moved and Seconded, that the same be received and filed, Carried.
An estimate of amount of money required for School purposes was presented. and same on Motion Carried, was refered to Finance Comm
An Ordinance levying the various City taxes was presented, and refered to Finance Comm
A citation in the Case of J. C. O'Bannon vs Benj Schuster Et al. was presented. and refered to the City Atty.
Account of Dr Alexander in the sum of $500.00 for opening Oregon Street, was presented and refered to Comm On Streets Grades &c.
Council adjourned.

Attest
O B Beall
City Clk.

Mayor.

Council Room April 24th 1885

Regular meeting of the City Council above date. Joseph Magoffin Mayor in the Chair directed the Roll called, present, Aldermen Daugher, Dieter Mills, Bassett and Buchanan, Marshal Boring also present,

Minutes of preceding meeting read and adopted.

The following petition presented and read to wit:

El Paso Texas April 24th 1885

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

Your Petitioner Robert S. Towne, a resident of Leadville in the State of Colorado would most respectfully represent,

That he is desirous without delay, of erecting, operating and maintaining Sampling Works in the City of El Paso, for the purpose of crushing and testing Gold and Silver Ores in large quantities, and to that end he now presents, this his petition, and prays that your Honorable body do by Ordinance close up from the use of the General Public so much of Hyde and Campbell Streets as lie between the South side of San Francisco Street, and the north line of the Rio Grande and El Paso Railway Depot Grounds, and also the alley ways in Blocks Nos 172, 170 & 171, between the same lines, as such streets and alleys are shown on the map of what is known as the Campbell addition in said City, And that your petitioner be authorized to construct and have operated and maintained over and across said streets and alleys so prayed to be closed as aforesaid the three side tracks or switches indicated by the blue lines drawn through said Blocks, and appearing upon the accompanying map, and pass, move and remove cars upon such side tracks and switches by means of steam power, and also to erect operate and maintain his said proposed

Sampling works, or so much thereof as he may deem necessary on and upon said Streets and Alleys or any of them between the lines aforesaid.

Said accompanying map is filed herewith as a part of this petition.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Robert S Towne.

The following Ordinance presented and read. To wit:

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

Sec. 1. That in accordance with the petition and prayer therein contained of Robert S Towne this day filed it is ordered that so much of Hyde and O'Bannon Streets as lie between the south side of San Francisco Street and the north line of the Rio Grande and El Paso Railway Depot Grounds as also the alleys passing through Blocks Nos 172, 173 and 174. between the same points or lines (as such Streets, Blocks, lines and alleys are shown on the map of what is known as the Campbell addition to the City of El Paso) be and they are hereby closed from the use and enjoyment of the General Public, and for the use of the petitioner and his assigns to erect operate and maintain thereon Sampling works to be employed in Crushing and Testing Gold & Silver ores.

Sec. 2. That for the uses and purposes aforesaid, said Robert S. Towne, or his assigns shall have the right, and be and they are hereby authorized to construct and have operated and maintained, over, across and upon said Streets or so much thereof as may be necessary between the lines aforesaid the three Side Tracks or switches shown on the accompanying map to said petition and indicated by the three blue lines drawn thereon and extending between and through said Blocks and to pass, move

and remove cars over and upon such side tracks or switches by means of Steam power, and to erect, operate and maintain his said proposed Sampling Works or so much thereof as he may deem necessary in and upon said Streets and alleys or any park or parts of them,

Provided that within the period of twelve months hereafter, if said works are not in operation then and in such case all right and franchise herein granted shall be considered forfeited, and provided further that in the meantime, title in fee simple shall have been made to said Towne or his assigns from the adjacent proprietors. And provided further, that any failure to operate said works after erected, for a continuous period of six months, then all rights and privileges herein granted shall be considered forfeited.

Sec. 3. That this Ordinance be in force and take effect from and after its passage

Moved and seconded, that the petition of Robert S Towne be granted. Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the Ordinance above be adopted. Carried by the following vote to wit: Daughen, aye. (Dieter Excused) Dies, aye Barrett aye. Buchanan, aye.

The petition of James B Frayler asking permission to extend the Fire Tracks on the north side of Fourth Street 50 feet, was presented and was referred to Comm on Street Grades & Public Improvements

The Comm upon the petition of Wm Davis, C.O. Coffin and others in defence to putting Sidewalks on Ce Pond Street, report as follows to wit; Your Comm recommend that the prayer of petitioners be granted, and that the City Atty be instructed to draw report on Ordinance covering this report and petition

(Signed) O T Barrett
Jno Daughen.

Moved and seconded, that the report be received and that the City Atty is hereby

directed to draw up an Ordinance in conformity therewith, carried.
The resignation of L H Maxwell Chief of Fire Dept of El Paso was presented.
Moved & seconded. That the resignation of L H Maxwell Chief of El Paso Fire Dept be accepted pending his report and that the Fire Dept be notified of the fact, carried.
Council on motion carried adjourned until Tuesday evening 28th Apl 1885.

Attest
O B Beall
Clk.

Mayor

Council Room Apl 28th 1885
Meeting of the City Council pursuant to adjournment above date. The Mayor in the Chair, directed the Roll called, present Aldn Dougher, Dieter, Hills, Schuster, Buchanan Bassett, also Marshal Boring.
An Ordinance levying the taxes for the fiscal year, was presented and acted upon by sections.
It was moved and seconded, that the Ordinance as approved by sections, be adopted as a whole. Carried by the following vote, Dougher, aye. Dieter, aye Hills, no. Schuster aye. Bassett no. and Buchanan aye. The Ordinance as adopted reads as follows, to wit:
An Ordinance levying the various City Taxes general & special, for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of March A D 1885 and ending on the 28th day of February A D 1886, and for the collection of the same.
Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas, on this 28th day of April A D 1885 at an adjourned regular meeting of the Council, all the members of the Council being present.
Sec 1st. That there be levied and collected an ad valorem City tax of One fourth of

ond per centum, of the cash value thereof, estimated in lawful currency of the United States, on all real property situated, and all movable property owned, in this City, taxable under the laws of the State of Texas, for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of March A.D. 1885 and ending on the 28th day of February A.D. 1886, for general revenue purposes.

Section 2nd And that there shall be levied and collected a special tax of thirty cents on the One hundred dollars valuation of the cash value of all real situated and movable property owned in said City, for said fiscal year, for the benefit of public Schools of El Paso City, Texas.

Section 3rd And that there be levied and collected a special City tax of fifteen cents on the One hundred dollars valuation on all property subject to state tax, in said City, for permanent street improvements for said fiscal year.

Section 4th And that there be levied and collected, an occupation tax amounting to one half of occupation taxes levied by the State, on every person, firm, company or association of persons, for said fiscal year, pursuing any of the occupations taxed by the laws of the State of Texas, except the occupations by said State laws, exempt from City State tax.

Section 5th And there be levied and collected from every male person residing in said City, and so residing therein on the 1st day of March A.D. 1885 between the ages of twenty and sixty years an annual poll tax of One dollar, except such as are exempt by the Constitution and laws of Texas from the payment of said tax.

Section Sixth. This Ordinance shall be in force & effect from and after its passage.

Council adjourned

Attest
O B Beall Sec

Mayor