City Council Rooms El Paso
Texas February 14th 1874

At a Regular meeting of the City Council held on the above date, His Honor B.S. Dowell presiding the following Aldermen were present — Evans, Hornick, Jones, Marsh and Tays, Absent Alderman Blacker, there being a quorum present, the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting was dispensed with, and the minutes considered as approved.

The Mayor reported that since last meeting he had recieved.

On account of Fines	$3,00
" " " Collections of Taxes	12,00
Of A Hornick	1,00
Total	$16,00

On Motion further time was allowed Finance Committe to examine the Accounts of the Assessor and Collector and report thereon,

On Motion His Honor the Mayor was requested to Confer with Capt A H French in regard to his acting

as Sealer of weights and measures. H.S. Gillett Esq having failed to qualify as City Treasurer within the time prescribed by the Charter, a new Election was had resulting as follows –

H.S. Gillett 2d 4 votes
S.C. Slade " 1 vote,

whereupon H.S. Gillett was declared elected.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

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Febuary 28th 1874.

At a regular meeting of the City Council held on the above date. His Hon B. S. Dowell presiding the following Aldermen were present. Evans Blacker. Jones Hornick and Tays. Absent Alderman Marsh.

There being a quorum present the reading of the minutes of the preceeding meeting were had and approved.

The Committee on finance presented the following report which was accepted.

We the undersigned financial Committee report on the exibit of the Assessor and Collector.

Amount of Taxes assessed		$225.40
Amount Collected	$198.08	
" "	12.00	
Total Collected	$210.08	210.08
Amount of uncollected taxes		$15.32
Accounts paid.		
Dowell's Bill	$86.58	
" "	12.00	
French's "	69.75	
Collectors Commission	10.50	
Total paid	178.83	$178.83
Balance in Coll. hands		$42.15

From this amount has been allowed for Lime

to Mr Butchosky $22.00
leaving a balance in Coll-hands of $20.15
We find the Assessor & Collector is now indebted to the City the sum above named - $20.15
We cannot find under the Charter that we are authorized to allow more than 5 per ct - on amt Collected - but suggest if there is any other way of renumerating him that it be done - and that he turn over to the City the uncollected accounts -

Respectfully Submitted -
(Signed) M A. Jones
" J W. Tays -
" John Evans -

It was moved Seconded and carried that the Clerk notify the assessor & Collector of the decision of the Committee -

The resignation of A J. Fountain Esq as City Atty & City Clerk - was received and presented by Alderman Tays - and accept by the Board - the Mayor & each member regreting with marked expressions that business and private interest should call Mr Fountain from the City -
A vote of thanks on motion of Alderman Tays was offered & passed - thanking Mr Fountain for the prompt correct able & faithful manner which he had performed the duties of his offices -

And it was ordered that a written acceptance of the resignation should be accompanied with a letter of thanks to this past Officer of the City of El Paso - and that the same be placed on record.
The Council then proceeded into the election of a City Atty - & City Clerk to fill the Office made vacant by the resignation of Mr Fountain -
On motion of Alderman Jones C. H. French was put in nomination for said Office - and having received the entire vote of the Council was duly declared elected and received the books and papers of the Office -
On motion Council adjourned to meet on the last Friday in March -

C. H. French
City Clerk -