It was moved and seconded that further time be granted to Committee on Finance &c to report on Bill of Water Company for rent of Hydrants, Carried.

It was moved and seconded that further time be granted to Committee having in charge the Petition of the El Paso Market Company, Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the account of City Clerk Kahn for extra compensation for work performed on assessment for 1882. and that the assessor and the Clerk be notified to attend at next meeting when it shall be taken up, Carried.

On Motion duly seconded the Committee on Finance &c. was granted further time to report on increase of salary of City Health officer.

The report to date of City Treasurer J. W. Zollars was received and referred to His Honor the Mayor for examination.

The following report was then received from Committee on Street &c.

The Committee upon streets &c. report:

That it is necessary to open Stanton and Oregon streets, and the Committee recommend that the Council declare that they be opened, and that the Mayor and two members of the Council to be appointed by the Mayor, examine the obstructions necessary to be removed to open said streets, and ascertain what the owners of private property in said streets, will charge for the same, or to remove the same, and report to the Council at its next meeting, with a view to commence condemnation proceedings, if the amount charged is to much. And further recommend, that Stanton Street be placed in a condition to travel and invite travel, as provided for in the resolution heretofore presented.

Signed — A. Blacker, and B. Schuster — Com on Strts &c.

It was moved and seconded, that this report be adopted Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Approved

Paul W Keating

Mayor pro tem

Attest

J S Kahn

City Clerk.

Council Room

El Paso Texas February 5th 1883.

The Council met pursuant to call, requested by Aldermen Schuster and Flood, the Mayor pro tem called the council to order, and directed the Clerk to call the Roll which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, absent — sick — Ald. J. P. Hague 1st Ward, prest; Ald. J. Blum, 1st Ward, present; " P. W. Keating 2d Ward, Mayor pro tem, present; Ald. B. Schuster, 2d Ward, present.

Ald. A. Blacker, 3d Ward, absent. Ald. A. T. Flood, 3d Ward present City Clerk S. L. Kahn present, City Atty J. A. Rinaldo, absent; Marshal Gillett, present There being five (5) Aldermen present & one (1) absent. A Quorum It was moved & seconded that the Council now adjourn, to Monday Feby 5th 1883 — Carried by the following vote = Ald Hague, Blum & Schuster voting "yes" the Mayor pro tem reserving his right to vote. Ald. Flood refusing to vote. & the Council adjourned accordingly

Attest
S. L. Kahn
City Clerk.

Approved
Paul Keating
Mayor pro tem

Council Room

El Paso Texas February 5th 1883.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment, His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor in the Chair, who called the Council to order, & directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor present; Ald. J. P. Hague, 1st Ward present; Ald. S. Blum 1st Ward, present. " P. H. Keating 2d Ward, absent. " B. Schuster 2d " , absent. " A. Blacker, 3d " , present. " A. T. Flood, 3d " , present. City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present. City Atty. J. A. Rinaldo, present, Marshal, A. Gillett, present. There being four (4) Aldermen present & two (2) absent. A Quorum present. It was moved & seconded to adjourn to February 6th 1883. at 3 p.m. Carried. & the Council adjourned accordingly.

Attest
S. L. Kahn
City Clerk

Approved
Paul Keating
Mayor pro tem.

Council Room

El Paso February 6th 1883 - 3 p.m.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment, His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor, present in the chair, who called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted as follows: Mayor Magoffin present Ald. J. P. Hague 1st Ward, present. Ald. S. Blum, 1st Ward, present. Ald. P. H. Keating 2d Ward, present Ald B. Schuster 2d Ward, absent. " A. Blacker, 3d Ward, present " A. T. Flood 3d " absent. City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present. City Atty. J. A. Rinaldo present & Marshal Gillett present. There being four (4) Aldermen present & two (2) absent. A Quorum present. The call under which the council was first convened Feby 5th was then read, to wit:

El Paso Texas, February 2d 1883.

S. L. Kahn Esq. City Clerk, El Paso Texas. Sir:

You will cause notice to be given to each member of the City Council of the City of El Paso, of the Call for a Special meeting of said body with the object of said Call, as follows:

To the members of the City Council of the City of El Paso
There will be a Special Meeting of the City Council at the Council Hall on

Saturday February 3rd 1883 at eight o'clock p.m. of said day, for the purpose as follows to wit:

Receiving the report of various committees, & considering & acting upon the following matters, to wit:

1st The matter of improvement of the public square in said City

2d The opening of a portion of El Paso Street, i.e. between Main & San ~~Antonio~~ Francisco Street, & a general ordinance for opening all streets of the City.

3d The removal of obstructions from the side walks of El Paso Street, between Overland & San Francisco streets.

4th For regulating & establishing, the width of side walks for the City, & other matters in relation to side walks

5th For considering the Petition of certain persons for the granting them a franchise & privileges of supplying Electric & Gas light one or both the City.

Signed A. F. Wood – A. Blacker.

Official – City Seal – signed S. S. Kahn City Clerk.

Also the following Message of the Mayor was read

Mayors Office El Paso Texas.

By virtue of authority in me vested I would also call to the attention of the Council that they take into consideration the following public matters ending your attention to wit:

The purchase of Fire apparatus & the necessary appropriation & confirming my action in purchasing said apparatus.

To dispose of the special account of the City Clerk.

To pass Ordinance levying ad valorem Tax for 1883.

Given under my hand & the seal of this City, this 5 day of February 1883.

Seal Attest

Signed S. S. Kahn
City Clerk

Signed Joseph Magoffin
Mayor.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was then received:

To the Hon. Mayor & City Council of the City of El Paso:

Gentlemen! your Committee to whom was referred the within ordinance, respectfully state that we have considered the same, & request that it do pass. Resp.

Signed J. P. Hague Chm. Finance Com. & Paul W. Keating.

It was moved & seconded that the report of the Committee be adopted & the resolution reported by them be put on its passage. On which motion the vote was as follows. Ald. Hague, aye; Ald. Blum, aye; Ald Keating, aye; & Ald Blacker no. Three to four & carried against the Motion & the Mayor declared the Motion Carried.

The resolution was then presented by the Committee to wit:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Paso providing for the improvement of the Public Square of said City

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso:

That in the judgement of this City Council, the material interest

& progress of the City of El Paso require that the public Square of said City be En-
Enclosed, with a proper fence & otherwise improved. Therefore be it further—
Resolved, that the sum of Six hundred & dollars be & the same is hereby
appropriated out of any funds, which may be in the Treasury of said City six months
from the date of this resolution not then otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
Enclosing said square & so far as the said appropriation will go, to otherwise im-
prove the Same. And the Mayor is hereby directed to issue a warrant on the Trea-
surer of the City payable on the 1st day of August 1883. in favor of J. Fisher
Satterthwait Street Commissioner, & when said Warrant is paid the Council
will make an appropriation to pay the accumulated interest thereon, not to Exceed 12
per cent per annum from this date until paid. Be it further
Resolved, that the Street Commissioner shall at once proceed to Enclose said public
Square with a fence composed of substantial iron posts & Chains, & to lay out
the Same in walks & otherwise adorn the Same in such a manner as may
seem appropriate to him not to Exceed in amount of costs, the sum above appropriated
The commissioner shall keep an accurate account of all Expenditures made by
him hereunder, & he shall see that all improvements are well & substantially
made & at as little costs as may be & he shall report his acts hereunder to the City Council;
provided, that the said Street Commissioner shall without delay furnish to
the City Council plans & specifications of the manner proposed by him for the
improvement of said square, & a list of the character & quality of the mater-
ial to be used therein & such plans & specifications & said material shall be subject
to approval of the City Council in all things.

Moved & seconded that the resolution as reported shall be passed.
Aldermen Hague, Blum & Keating voting aye & Ald. Blacker no. & the
Mayor declared the motion carried & the Resolution passed as Engrossed

Alderman Flood here arrived & took his seat.

The committee on streets &c. returned the following ordinance with
this Report & Endorsement: The committee on streets recommend that
the within Ordinance do pass. Dated this 5th day of February A.D. 1883.
Signed A Blacker Chm. Beo. Schuster Isaac Blum.
moved by Ald Hague & seconded by Ald. Blacker to adopt the report
Ald. Hague "aye", Ald Blum "aye" Ald Keating "absent" Ald. Blacker "aye" &
Ald Flood asked to be excused ~~to be excused.~~ three votes cast & the motion declared carried

Ald. Blacker then presented the following ordinance (previously read)
on behalf of the Committee on streets &c. of which he is Chairman.

An Ordinance providing a mode of opening widening & altering
streets, avenues & alleys in the City of El Paso & condemning & appro-
priating private property for the same.

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

Sect. 1. That the City council as provided for in the Charter shall have exclusive power & control over the streets, alleys, sidewalks, lanes, avenues & public grounds of this City, with full power to open, alter, widen, straighten, extend, establish, abolish, regulate, grade, regrade, clean, pave, macadamize or otherwise improve the same, & to establish, erect, construct, regulate & keep in repair bridges, culverts & sewers, sidewalks & crossings, & to regulate the construction & use of the same.

Section 2. Whenever it be found necessary to carry out any of the above mentioned powers, the City Council shall by resolution order the same to be done & if it be found it be necessary to take any private property in opening, widening, straigtening, extending or altering any such street, lane, avenue or alley the Mayor & City Council shall ascertain whether a just compensation can be agreed upon between the City & the parties, whose property is so taken, & if it can be so agreed & the Council shall so determine, they shall make provisions for the payment to the owner of such property for the amount of compensation agreed upon, & if the amount of compensation can not be agreed upon, the Mayor shall cause the same to be ascertained by a jury of six disinterested persons, freeholders of the City, who shall be summoned as jurors are in other cases.

Section 3. Jurors summoned & empanelled under the provisions of the preceeding section shall be first sworn, to well & truly inquire into & determine from the evidence of the actual benefits & damages fairly & impartially, & in accordance with the law, that shall happen to each owner of the property so taken for opening, widening, extending, or altering such street, avenue or alley, & they shall return into Court an inquest in writing which shall be signed by each juror, assessing the amount of benefits & damages that shall accrue to each person by reason of the taking of his property.

Section 4. The Mayor shall cause such inquest to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk, there to be kept as part of the records of said City, & at the next regular meeting of the City Council after the same is so returned he shall call the attention of the City Council to the same, & the City Council shall as soon as practicable thereafter make provision for the payment of the damages awarded if any unless they shall decide that such damages shall be in excess of the value of the property proposed to be taken, in which case they shall direct that said award shall not be accepted, & in no case shall any such private property be so taken for such public use until the damages so awarded be first paid or tendered to the owner.

Section 5. Should no damages be awarded the Council

the Council shall order the Street Commissioner to immediatly proceed to cause such street, lane or alley to be opened, widened, extended or altered as the case may be & in case damages are awarded & the same paid or tendered to the owner of such property, the Council shall order the Street Commissioner to open, widen, extend or alter said street.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the City Attorney when ordered by the City Council to institute proceedings for the condemnation of private property under the provisions of the proceeding sections, & he shall procure from the Mayor a citation to be served upon the owner of such property citing him to appear before the jury summoned as provided for in the preceeding sections specifying the time & place of the meeting of such jury, which shall be served upon him at least five days before the meeting of said jury, or in case such owner be a non resident of, or absent from the County or unknown, such citation shall be published in the official News paper of the City at least four (4) weeks before the meeting of such jury.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the mayor to preside at the holding of all such inquests, as are provided for in the preceeding sections & it shall be the duty of the City Attorney to appear & represent the City in all such inquests & either the City or the owner of such property shall have the right to introduce any competent testimony touching any question before such jury & the owner shall be a competent witness in his own behalf. And the owner or agent of the property proposed to be taken may appear in person or by counsel in all cases herein provided for.

Section 8. In case such jury fail to agree after a reasonable length of time, the Mayor shall discharge them & direct an other to be summoned to meet at such time & place, as he may determine, & so on until a verdict be had.

Section 9. The rule for ascertaining the amount of compensation to be awarded to the owner of any private property proposed to be taken as aforesaid shall be based upon the intrinsic value of the property sought to be condemned, upon the damages which shall accrue to the owner thereof by reason of such condemnation & the benefits that will result to the remainder of such property (if any) belonging to such owner, by the opening, widening, straightening or extending of such street, avenue, lane, or alley, & according to this rule the actual damages that shall accrue to the owner by such condemnation shall be ascertained.

Section 10. When the whole of a person's real estate is taken & there be no remainder, the damages to which he shall be entitled, shall be the market value thereof at the time of its condemnation.

Section 11. When only a portion of a persons real Estate is taken the Jury shall estimate the injuries sustained & the benefits received thereby by the owner as to the remaining portion of such real estate whether such remaining portion is increased or diminished in value by such condemnation & the result of such increase or diminition & shall assess the damages accordingly.

Section 12. In estimating either the injuries or the benefits as provided in the preceeding section, those injuries or benefits, which the owner of such property sustains

in common with the community generally & which are not peculiar to him or connected with his ownership, use & enjoyment of the particular parcel of land, shall be altogether excluded from such Estimation.
Section 13. This Ordinance shall take Effect & be in force from & after its passage & approval by the Mayor.

It was now moved by Ald. Hague & seconded by Ald Blum that the above ordinance as recorded be passed & engrossed, Aldermen Hague, Blum, Keating & Blacker voting aye & Ald Rood excused from voting, the motion was declared carried & the Ordinance passed accordingly.

The following report was then received & read from Com. on Streets &c.

The Committee on Streets, Grades &c. recommend in case the Ordinance heretofore recommended be passed, the adoption of the within Resolution, Dated this 5 day of February A.D. 1883.

Signed, A. Blacker Chmn. D. Schuster, J. Blum. Com. on Sts &c.

It was moved by Ald Hague & seconded by Ald Blum that the above report be adopted, Carried.

The above recommended Resolution was then read, viz:

Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Paso Texas.
Providing for the opening & Extending of El Paso Street & procuring the right of way over private property for said purpose.

Whereas it appears to the City Council of the City of El Paso, that the public interest & convenience of said City require the opening & extension of El Paso Street from San Francisco Street to Main Street, Therefore Be it Resolved, that the Street Committee negotiate with the owners of private property in the line of this Street, between said points as to what shall be a just compensation to him or them, for so much of his or their property as will be necessarily taken to open said Street seventy feet in width between said two streets.
And in case they agree they shall report their agreement to the next meeting of the Council for their action & in case they fail to agree, they shall report such fact to the Mayor who shall immediatly cause a jury to be summoned to assess the damages if any & benefits or injuries if any that will accrue to such owner or owners on account of said Street through their property as provided for under the Ordinances of this City & to cause such inquest to be returned to the City Clerks office & filed

The resolution was then passed by all the Aldermen present voting in favor thereof.

It was then moved by Alderman Hague & seconded by Alderman Keating that thirteen hundred ($1300 00/100) or so much thereof as may be necessary to purchase two (2) Hose Reels & one Hook & Ladder truck six hundred & ten (610) feet of Hose, nozzels & all necessary appurtenances (complete) & to pay freight charges Exchange & Interest for obtaining the money, be & the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated & that the action of the Mayor & fire commissioners in purchasing said fire apparatus be & is hereby approved, Carried unanimously.

Moved by Ald Flood & Seconded by ald Hague that the sum of $110.00 be & the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay this sum to City Clerk D. L. Kahn as compensation for Extra Work on assessment & assessment Rolls for 1882. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Approved
David Ornelas
Mayor pro tem.

Attest
D. L. Kahn
City Clerk.

Council Room
El Paso Texas February 10th 1883. 3½ p.m.

The City Council met at 3½ p.m. this day instead of the appointed hour by reason of the following call:

Mayors Office, El Paso Texas February 10th 1883 12m

To the Aldermen of the City of El Paso.

Gentlemen! By virtue of the authority in me vested by the Charter of our City, I hereby respectfully convene you to assemble at your Hall this Saturday February 10th 1883 at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of disposing of the business that would come before your honorable Body at your regular session at 7.30 p.m. This date, on account of the inclemency of the weather, to dispose of the Business aforesaid more fully at an earlier hour than usual, should your honorable Body so direct after assembling.

Signed. Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Seal. Attest D. L. Kahn City Clerk.

His Honor the Mayor after having called the Council to order & the above call having been read, stated that unless there was an objection, the Council would have agreed to assemble at this hour & this would stand as the first regular meeting of this Month. There being no objection, the Roll Call was proceeded with, with this results:

His Honor, Joseph Magoffin, Mayor present.

Ald. J. P. Hague 1st Ward, absent; Ald. J. Blum 1st Ward, present;

Ald. P. H. Keating, 2d Ward, present; Ald B. Schuster 2d Ward, present;
" A. Blacker 3d " present; " A. T. Flood 3d Ward present.
City Clerk D. Shelby present; City Atty. J. A. Buckler, present; Marshal J. B. Gillett
absent – Asst Marshal Geo. Harris present.
The Clerk reported as the result of the Roll Call – five (5) Aldermen
Present and one (1) Absent – And His Honor the Mayor announced a
Quorum present and the Council proceeded to Business before it.
On motion duly seconded the reading of the previous minutes was dispensed with.

The following communication was then received and read:

Office Commanding Officer, Fort Bliss Texas February 8th 1883.

To the Honorable Mayor & Common Council, El Paso Texas.

Gentlemen! An appropriation of $5000.00 for the opening & construction of approaches to Fort Bliss Texas having been placed to the credit of the Q. M. here for expenditure under my direction for the purpose mentioned above, it being my wish & purpose that, in the work to be done, the general good & convenience of both El Paso & Fort Bliss be consulted & regarded – as their connection by a good road is highly important & desirable – I should be pleased to meet with, for consultation, such committee of representative men of El Paso as His Honor the Mayor, & the Council might designate, with a view to ascertaining the views & wishes of the People of El Paso as to the best location for the road.

It is desirable that as early action as practicable be taken in this matter, & therefore I would request your early consideration of this subject. Very respectfully your obedient servant,

signed J. S. Fletcher jr. Major 9th Infantry Brevet Lt Col. U.S.A. Commdg

It was moved & seconded that the above communication be referred to the Committee of the whole council, & that the Mayor invite such representative Citizens as he sees fit, & that Colonel Fletcher be informed by the Clerk that said Committee is ready to meet him at any time & place he shall name. On which motion the Aldermen voted as follows: Ald Blum aye Ald. Keating aye, Schuster aye, Ald Blacker, aye Ald. Flood, aye; five votes cast, all in favor (Ald Hague absent) & the Motion was declared carried.

A Petition from J. P. Sieber & T. P. Clark asking for payment of $50.00 per month for sprinkling certain public streets, from March 1st to October 31st 1883 was received & read & referred to Committee on Streets, Grades & C.

A Petition from J. D. Bennett stating that he has in position a large standard scale & asking to be appointed Public Weigher was referred to Committee on Finance &c.

The following Ordinance was then introduced.

An Ordinance of the City of El Paso levying an ad Valorem Tax & a Poll Tax in & for the City of El Paso for the fiscal year Ending February 29th 1884.

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

Section 1. That an ad valorem tax of one fourth of one (1/4 of 1%) per Cent on the taxable property within the City of El Paso for the fiscal year Ending February 29th 1884. be & the same is hereby levied.

Section 2 That for the fiscal year Ending February 29th 1884, there shall be levied & collected from every male person residing in the City of El Paso on the first day of March 1883 between the ages of twenty one & sixty years, persons insane, blind, deaf or dumb, or those who by amputation or otherwise have lost the use of both hands or feet, or one hand & one foot excepted, an annual poll tax of one dollars Each.

Section 3. That the City assessor & Collector shall on & after the first day of March 1883 proceed to make up all the assessments of all property & persons taxed by this Ordinance & shall have the same completed & returned to the Office of the City Clerk, on or before the first day of May 1883.

Section 4 All property subject to taxation under the laws of the State for state purposes shall be taxable under this ordinance, & each person shall be required by the assessor & collector to verify his list of taxable property, with his oath, which oath the assessor & Collector shall administer to each person rendering a list of property.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect & be in force from & after its passage & approval.

This Ordinance being put on its passage the same was passed by the following vote Alderman Blum, no; Ald. Keating, aye; Ald. Shuster, aye; Ald Blacker aye; Ald Flood, no. being three for & two against the passage. & it was declared passed.

The following ordinance was then introduced:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Paso changing the time of meeting of the Council.

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

Section 1. That the time of the regular meetings of the City Council hereafter hereafter be on the second & fourth saturday in each month at three o'clock in the afternoon

Section 2 That all rules or ordinances of the City of El Paso in conflict with this ordinance be & the same are hereby repealed

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect & be in force from & after its passage & approval.

This ordinance being put on its passage was adopted & passed by a unanimous vote.

Ald. Blacker here introduced the following resolution & requested that it be laid over for future action.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso Texas:

That claiming the right as a reserved right, which cannot be delegated, to establish annual water rates to private consumers for the water Company: & questioning the right of the El Paso Water Company, better known as the old Water Company to enter into a contract with Sylvester Watts for himself & associates to fix the same for the full period of his contract; but desiring if possible to carry out & adopt said arrangement, Therefore:- Be it Resolved, That the Water Company furnish a schedule such as are usual in other Cities, for instance Waco, to be approved by the City Council; & not left on account of public policy then of private interest, to protect against waste & carelessness. The City Council will by ordinance, give & grant the water Company the right to adopt meter measure for rates in any case, under such rates as are reasonable & just, & hereto for agreed upon by the El Paso Water Company & Sylvester Watts & associates, the present Water Company, & make such rates & regulations for the use of water, & the collection of water rents, as his Company shall deem proper, subject to the approval of the City Council of said City of El Paso, & that when said schedule is furnished & approved by the City Council, that then this Council will appropriate the money necessary to pay the present bill of said Watts for the public Hydrants. Signed A Blacker.

This resolution was laid over as requested by the introducer.

On motion duly seconded the Council adjourned to Tuesday February 13th at 3 p. m.) 1883.

Approved
Paul Keating
Mayor pro tem

Attest
J. L. Kahn
City Clerk.

Council Room
El Paso Texas February 10th 1883. 7.30 p.m.

On above hour & date the following named Council men assembled: Aldermen Blum Keating, Schuster & Flood. The Mayor being absent Ald. Keating took the Chair ordered the Roll Call by the Clerk when the above named Aldermen responded to their names moved & seconded to adjourn to Tuesday Febry 13th 1883 at 3 p.m. Carried.

Attest J. L. Kahn
City Clerk.

Council Room
El Paso Texas February 13th 1883 3 p.m.

The City Council assembled on above date & at stated hour in accordance with adjournment, His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, in the chair, who directed the Clerk to call the roll, with this result: His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor present; Ald. J. P. Hague 1st Ward, present; Ald. J. Blum 1st Ward, absent; Alderman P. H. Keating 2d " , present; " O. Schuster 2d " , absent, Ald. S. Blacker 3d Ward, present, Ald. N. T. Flood, 3d Ward, present. City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present, City Atty J. A. Buckler, absent, City Marshal J. B. Collett, present. The Clerk announced the Result of the Roll Call four (4) Aldermen present & two (2) absent & City Atty absent. The Mayor pronounced a Quorum of Aldermen present for the transaction of business.

Alderman Schuster here came into the Council & took his seat.

It was moved & seconded, that Col. J. S. Fletcher be notified that the City Council will concur in any action that the Military will take in opening approaches to Fort Bliss & will assist him to obtain the right of way to build the roads & would meet him at 10 a.m. February 14th 1883 as committee of the whole to view the proposed route. Carried by the following Vote: Aldermen Hague, Schuster, Blacker & Flood voting aye & Ald. Keating no. four (4) aye & one (1) no.

The following Petition was then received & read:

El Paso Texas February 13th 1883

To the Hon. Mayor & City Council of El Paso Texas.

Gentlemen! We the undersigned Citizens & Taxpayers of El Paso & Residents of the 3d Ward do most respectfully request of your honorable body to have removed an adobe building standing in the Street (Oak Street) corner Texas Avenue near the two brick cottages. No one has the shadow of a claim to said building & an ordinance having been adopted for opening public streets & as the building in question stands squarely in the Street & is the nucleus of filth & the breeder of disease & death, we pray your honorable body to order the Street Commissioner to abate the nuisance by tearing the aforesaid building down, due notice (say three days) being given to any occupant of said building & the sum of five (5) Dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose. Signed J. Lisk, R. McWhir, J. Campbell, J. Kepley, J. Hilton.

Moved & seconded, that the rules be suspended to act at once on the above Petition & the rules were suspended accordingly by the following vote: Aldermen Hague, Keating, Schuster & Blacker voting aye & Ald Flood no - four for & one against motion.

It was now moved & seconded that the petition be granted & that the house be ordered removed & that $25.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary, be & the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose & that the Marshal give five days notice & then proceed to

carry out this notice, Carried by the following vote: Ald'n Hague, Keating, Schuster, Blacker and Flood voting "aye": five votes all for the motion.

A Communication was received from Kneeland and Harrison offering under certain conditions a piece of land for Cemetery purposes, to the City; which Communication was referred to Com. on Health.

Further time was granted to Committee on Finance and C. to report on the maping and surveying of the City, based on City Engineers report to the Council

Alderman Blum here came in and took his seat.
Further time was also granted to same Committee to report on bill of Watts.

Ald. Keating Chairman of the Committee on Fire and Water stated that his committed had rented a certain room in over land Building for storing &c. for Fire apparatus at the rate of $30.00 per month and asked the Council to approve said lease.
Therefore it was moved and seconded that the lease made by the Committee on Fire and Water, of a Room for storing fire apparatus be approved with this proviso: that a lease be made by the duly authorized agent or lesee of said Building to the City of the said room from the date the City took possession of said Room to the 31" of July 1883 with the privileges of extending said lease to December 31" 1883 and that the City Attorney draw up a proper lease, which motion was carried.
The following Bills were then called up read and approved and orderd paid:

of Herald Publishing Co. Aug. 16" 1882 to Jany 17" 83 incl.	Printing	$38.58
" Buchachanan and Hurkins, by Mayor Hagoffin, January 17" 1883	Pauper Burrial	$8.50
" Thos. J. Cockerell Dec. 29" 1882 to Febry 11" 1883	Coal for Office	10.50
" Beneke and Pierce Dec 2 and 26" 1882 as per orders		9.85
" " " " Jany 26" 1883 " " "	Wheelbarrow	9.00
" Chas Pierce Febry 5 1883	Repair of City Fire Dept mt House	12.00
	Total	$88.43

It was moved and seconded that the above sum of Eighty Eight dollars & forty three Cents be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay above Bills, Aldermen Hague, Keating Blacker and Blume voting aye and Alderman Flood no. four (4) aye and one (1) no, and the motion declared carried.

The Bill of G. S. Brower was referred to Committee on Fire and Water being in the sum of $80.00 for refitting Store Room for Fire apparatus

The Bill of M. A. Kurtz dated Jan 4" 1883 for 15.00 for Bed & Bedding infected and taken to pest House, was on motion duly seconded — rejected.

The Bill of J. H. Days for $39.00 for Building Paper for City Rock House, was referred to His Honor the Mayor to obtain a settlement with said Days.

The following Bill was then presented & read:

El Paso Texas February 29th 1883

The City of El Paso To A. C. Savage City Engineer.

Jany 24. Running lines of Santa Fe Street from San Francisco Str. to — $25.00

By order of Street Commissioner Approved Correct Signed J. F. Satterwhite City Street Commissioner

It was moved & seconded that this Bill be referred to Committee on Street Grades &c.

Moved & seconded to amend this motion to lay on table subject to call & that the City Engineer & Street Commissioner come before the Council & state whether these lines have been run legally.

The vote occuring on the amendment was as follows, Ald. Hague & Blacker aye Blum, Keating & Flood no — Schuster absent — five votes, two for & three against the amendment, & declared lost accordingly.

The vote now occuring on the original motion was as follows: Ald. Hague & Flood aye. Blum, Blacker & Keating no — five votes two for & three against the motion & declared lost accordingly

It was now moved & seconded that the above bill be rejected Aldermen Hague, Blum, Keating, Blacker & Flood, voting aye — five votes all for the motion, the same was declared carried & the Bill rejected accordingly.

The Bill of Savage & Marshal to Establish grades corner El Paso & San Antonio Streets (By order of Ald. Berg. Schuster) $5.00

It was moved & seconded that this Bill be rejected — Lost by the following vote Ald Hague, Blum, Keating & Blacker no. Flood aye.

Moved & seconded to refer this Bill to Comm. on Street &c. Carried

The City Clerk was required to get Copy of Contract & Deed between this City & Nichols & Crosby.

The Mayor notified the Council, that there would be a trial by the Fire Department — of the Fire Hydrants Febry 14th 1883. 2 p.m.

On Motion duly seconded the Council adjourned to Febry 14th 1883. 3 p.m.

Approved
Paul Mrewtiny
Mayor pro tem

Attest
C. L. Kahn
City Clerk

El Paso Texas February 14 1883.

The City Council met on above date & at appointed hour pursuant to adjournment, His Honor Mayor Magoffin in the Chair, who called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted as follows: His Honor Mayor Magoffin present; Ald. J. P. Hague 1st Ward, present; Ald. I. Blum, 1st Ward present; " P. H. Keating 2d " , present; " B. Schuster 2d " absent; " A. Blacker 3d " , present; " A. F. Flood 3d " absent. City Clerk C. L. Kahn present. City Atty. J. A. Buckler absent, Marshal Gillett present. The Clerk reported the result of the roll call - four (4) Aldermen present & two (2) absent - & the Mayor announced a Quorum present.

Ald. Hague stated as chairman of the Com. on Finance &c. that the Committee is unable to report on Bill of Sylvester Watts as only two members of the Committee met, who cannot agree. Mr. Hague further stated that he is in favor of paying said acct. while Mr Keating of same Committee is against paying & he would therefore return said acct to the Council.

The reading of said Bill of Sylvester Watts being called for, the same was read. Also the testimony taken, before the Committee on Fire & Water on State Co's rates, contracts, work &c. being called for, was read by the Clerk. The following report from the Chief of Fire Department was then received & read; to wit:

To the Honorable Mayor & City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas:

I have the honor to make to you the following report on the Water Works, as per your order of this date, with the following result:

At half past one o'clock, the reservoir contained three feet two inches (3ft 2in) of water, discharged through an eleven inch valve, full pressure all over the City. At the extreme limit of a four inch main (plug at Ketelsen & Degelman's) we attached two lead of hose of two hundred feet (200ft) each, & I found no pressure; one lead throwing fifty feet (50ft) only, & the other throwing sixty (60) feet. But with one lead of hose same length I found pressure enough - it throwing one hundred & twenty feet (120ft) horizontal, & with six hundred feet (600ft) of hose, quantity necessary to reach the A. T. & S. F. Depot, I found seventy five feet horizontal. With one hundred & fifty feet (150ft) I obtained the same result as with two hundred feet (200ft). But with one hundred (100ft) feet of hose, I found I could throw over the Building.

Next trial was at the Pierson Hotel. Here I found the pressure about the same, i.e. with two streams, it could not reach the second story of the building, but one stream ~~stream~~ stream would throw to top of the hotel - all above with two hundred feet of hose.

With one hundred feet & two streams, to the eaves of the house. With one stream of one hundred feet clear over the building. Next trial at State National Bank. There I found the pressure excellent, this plug being on a direct main from the reservoir. I found at this plug with one hundred feet of hose, & two streams, one threw to the top of the Building & the other clear over it. With one stream & one hundred feet of hose, I found I could throw water one hundred & thirty two feet (132 ft) horizontally & one hundred feet (100 ft) in height. I also caused to be opened the plugs at the Pierson & the Central Hotels at the same time & both streams threw to the top of the building, & caused both streams to be cut down at the same moment. No break of pipes reported during the trial, the pressure at White Bros & Davis to Gauge this day was 80 lbs

Signed Chas. L. Pierce
Chief of Fire Dept.

El Paso Texas Feby 14th 1883

It was moved & seconded that the Bill of Sylvester Watts be recommitted to the Committee on Finance & C. to report at the meeting of the City Council February 15th 1883 at 3 p.m. there being two (2) votes for & two (2) votes against this motion, the mayor gave his casting vote for the motion & the Bill was recommitted in accordance with the motion.

The committee on streets & grades returned the petition of J. P. Sieber & F. P. Clark referred to February 10th 1883, with their report based on this amendment by petitioners to their original petition, by reason of being requested by said committee to state what streets or part thereof they intend to sprinkle, to wit:

We hereby propose to sprinkle from Central Hotel including the little Plaza to the ditch crossing El Paso street. from El Paso street on San Antonio to the Post Office. On Overland street from Lone Star Office past the McLoughlin block. on Oregan street from San Antonio to Overland street. We have the honor to state in addition, that $200.00 per month have already been subscribed for the purpose of sprinkling these streets, by the People living & doing business thereon. We further propose to sprinkle in such a manner as will keep said streets free from dust.

Yours respectfully
Signed J. P. Sieber — F. P. Clark.

February 14th 1883

We recommend, that the petition be granted, that the sum of $50 be appropriated as prayed for & that the City Atty. be instructed to prepare the necessary papers & ordinance, to carry out the objects hereof & to bind both parties.

Signed A. Blacker J. Blum. B. Schuster Committee on Sts. &c.

By request this motion report laid over to February 15" 1883.
On motion duly seconded the Council adjourned to February 15" 1883 at 3 p.m.

Approved
Paul W. Keating
Mayor pro tem.

Council Rooms
El Paso Texas, February 15" 1883.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment, on above date and at usual hour. His Honor Joseph Magoffin being absent Ald Keating Mayor pro tem. took the Chair, called the council to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted as follows:
His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, absent; Ald. J. P. Hague, 1" Ward, present; Ald. J. Blum, 1" Ward, present; Ald. P. W. Keating, 2" Ward, present, Ald. B. Schuster, 2d Ward, present Ald. A. Blacker 3" Ward, present; Ald N. F. Flood, 3" Ward, present. City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present, City Attorney J. A. Buckler, present; Marshal J. B. Gillett present. The City Clerk announced as the result of the Roll Call His Honor the Mayor absent, all the Aldermen and City Officers present, whereupon the Mayor pro tem. announced a quorum present, and the Council proceeded to the business before it.

The Committee on Finance presented the following reports - on the Bill of Sylvester Watts of the El Paso Water Co., to wit:

The Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of El Paso Texas
Your Committee to whom was referred the within Bill respectfully return the same to you and recommend that it be not allowed.

Signed - Noah F. Flood - Paul W. Keating.

I dont concur in the report made by a majority of your committee and I recommend, that the within account be paid.

Signed J. P. Hague.

Moved by Ald. Blacker and seconded by Ald Hague that the minority report above be adopted and the bill of Sylvester Watts ordered paid Lost - by the following vote: Ald. Hague, aye; Ald Blum, no; Ald. Keating, no; Ald Schuster, no; Ald Blacker, aye; Ald. Flood, no. being six Votes cast - two (2) for and four (4) against the motion.
Moved by Ald Flood and seconded by Ald Schuster, to adopt the Majority report, on which the Aldermen voted as follows. Ald. Hague and Blacker aye no - Ald. Blum, Keating, Schuster and Flood aye - being six (6) Votes cast - two (2) against and four (4) for the motion and the same was declared Carried.

The fire and Water Committee returned the bill of G. G. Brower of Febry 1" 83. for $80.00 for fitting up Fire Department House, with their approval. It was thereupon moved and seconded, that the bill of G. G. Brower

be ordered paid & that the sum of Eighty ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (80⁰⁰) Dollars be & the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay said amount. Carried as follows. Ald Hague, no; Aldrich. Blume, Keating, Schuster, Blacker & Flood, aye – being five votes cast – five (5) for & one (1) against the motion.

A Communication from Chas. L. Pierce Chief of Fire Department, recommending John Kiers Key – as Steward of the Fire Department, at $15⁰⁰/₁₀₀ per mo. was received & referred to Committee on Finance & C.

The following Resolution was then introduced by Ald. Blacker.

A Resolution of the City Council, of the City of El Paso providing for the condemnation of certain property of Augustin Marquez in Oregon street & said City

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso:

That the City Attorney be & he is hereby authorized & directed to take immediate steps, to procure under the ordinances of the City, the condemnation of so much of the lot or lots of Augustin Marquez that lies in the line of Oregon street between first & second streets in said City, for the purpose of opening said street between said two streets First & Second, & that the Mayor cause an inquest to be held assessing the damages & benefits if any that will accrue to said Marquez from the appropriation of said part of his property for said purpose & cause said inquest to be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

This Resolution being seconded by Ald Hague was put on its passage & passed by the following vote, Ald. Hague, Blume, Keating, Blacker & Flood voting aye – Ald. Schuster absent – five (5) votes cast all in favor of the Resolution & the same was declared passed

Ald Blacker called up report from Committee on Streets, Grades & public improvements – reported at meeting of this Council January 27th 1883, & signed by Chas. H. Ald Schuster for the Committee & recorded on page 175 this book in relation to opening of Stanton & Oregon Streets – & moved that the resolution being "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Paso, providing for the improvement of San Antonio & Stanton Streets in the City of El Paso & providing for the removal of Obstructions therefrom." be now put on its passage & be adopted & passed, which being seconded by Ald Blume the motion was carried & the resolution adopted & passed as recorded on pages 172 & 173 this book proceedings of Council January 15th 1883

Moved & seconded that the report of the Committee on Petition of Sister Clark as reported yesterday & laid over until this meeting & that it be now received & adopted: Ald Hague no Aldrich Blume aye Keating aye; Schuster aye, Blacker aye & Flood aye; being six (6) votes cast – five (5) for & one (1) against, & the motion was declared carried & Report adopted.

It was moved by Ald. Flood, that the vote above recorded – on Majority

Report of Committee on Finance be reconsidered. And Ald Flood further moved that the rules be suspended, so as to take up now this motion for reconsideration - seconded by Ald. Hague, On the motion to suspend the rules the Vote was as follows: Aldermen - Hague aye - Blum aye - Keating no - Schuster no - Blacker aye & Flood aye, being six (6) votes cast, (4) four for & two (2) against suspension of Rules, & the motion was declared carried & the rules suspended accordingly. The vote now recurring on the original motion to reconsider - was as follows. Aldermen Hague aye, Blum aye, Keating no Schuster no Blacker aye, Flood aye - being six (6) votes cast four (4) for & two (2) against the motion to reconsider the motion to reconsider was declared carried, & the Bill of Sylvester Watts reinstated.

It was moved & seconded to adjourn to Saturday April 17th 3 p.m. 1883 carried unanimously.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
S L Kahn
City Clerk.

Council Room
El Paso Texas February 17/83.

The City Council met on above date & appointed hour pursuant to adjournment. His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor in the Chair, who called the Council to order & directed the City Clerk to call the Roll, which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, present.
Ald. J. P. Hague - 1" Ward present; Ald. J. Blum 1" Ward, present
" P. W. Keating 2" " absent. " B. Schuster 2" " absent
" H. Blacker 3" " present " N. F. Flood 3" " present.
City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present; City Attorney J. A. Buckler, present Marshal Gillett present.
The Clerk reported the above result & the Mayor announced a quorum present.

A petition from El Paso Board of Trade - remonstrating against granting certain Exclusive priveleges to El Paso Market Co &c. was received & on Motion duly 2d was ordered placed on file.

The Bill of A. C. Savage for showing per survey & map obstructions in Oregon street by order of Com. on streets &c. for $10.00 on motion duly 2d was ordered paid, out of any money in City Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The following report was then received from Special Committee on Market.

El Paso Texas February 17th 1883

To the Mayor & City Council of the City of El Paso.

The undersigned, having by permission (granted by the City Council) leave to amend their report heretofore made, & having become satisfied

that the people are opposed to their former report, which would give to Captain J. H. Bate & associates the right to construct a market house, amend their report in this regard, & instead thereof report,

First. That it is proper for many considerations to erect a market house.

Second. That the City is unable & will be for some time to come to erect a market house. That while it is true the people may be taxed for this special purpose, & that it is within the power of the City Council to do so, yet considering that the tax of 1882 has just been collected, that the tax of 1883 will have to be collected prior to the 1st of August, & that the school tax of ½ of per cent will be made immediately, which will aggregate one per cent within six months hence, to be paid by the taxpayers of this City, aggregating the sum of $25000.00, for which reasons the City, as stated, is not able to build said Market House & therefore it is necessary to

Third. Delegate said authority to another or others, to build & erect a market house, under such terms & conditions as are usual, in other Cities of Texas, instancing the City of Waco so far as the same is applicable.

Fourth. That proposals to erect a market house shall be received by the City Council, until the second meeting of the City Council in the month of March next, said market house to be constructed on a site, not to exceed 500 yards from the present business center of El Paso City, defining that to be the intersection of El Paso & San Antonio street, the building not to be of less value than the sum of Eight thousand dollars, & the restrictions on trade in fresh meat, vegetables & C. at other places, to be made during market hours, only, & no restrictions whatever beyond 1000 yards in any direction from the market house. That said proposals shall be accompanied by plans & specifications, the site upon which it is proposed to erect said building, & the title to the same, & the terms, conditions & considerations upon which the proposal is made

Fifth. That said proposals shall be sealed & not opened until said meeting in March, & the City Council shall then, or as soon thereafter as practicable, determine to whom they will award the contract for building said Market House.

Sixth. That said proposals shall be accompanied by good & sufficient warranty bond that the proposer or proposers shall good & sufficient bonds as security for the performance of his or their contract.

Seventh. That all legislative power, mangement & control over said market shall be reserved to ~~said~~ the City, & no monopoly shall be created, & a reservation to the City the right to purchase said building at the expiration of the contract term which shall be fifteen years, upon such terms as shall be mutually agreed upon, after the Award has been made.

Eighth. That said market building shall contain a City hall, to be used as a Council Room & as a corporation Court, & the rooms for necessary Offices, connected with & belonging to the City Government including the fire Department.

Ninth. The Committee ask to be discharged from the further con-

sideration of this subject unless it be recommitted for the purpose of considering the details necessary to be reported upon, which they can do by the next regular meeting of the City Council Signed J. P. Hague, Chmn. Comm.
" A. Blacker "

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and filed and that it lay on the Table - Ald Hague "no" Ald Blum "aye" Ald. Schuster "aye" Ald. Blacker "no" Ald Flood "aye" there being five votes Cast 3 for and 2 against this motion the same was declared carried, and the report tabled accordingly.

The following resolution was then introduced by Ald Blacker.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas: That claiming the right, as a reserved right which cannot be delegated, to establish annual water rates to private consumers for the water company, and questioning the right of the El Paso Water Company, better known as the old Water Company, to enter into a contract with Sylvester Watts for himself and associates to fix the same for the full period of his contract, but desiring if possible to carry out and adopt said arrangement. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Water Company furnish a schedule, such as are usual in other Cities, for instance, Waco, to be approved by the City Council, and not less on account of public policy than of private interest to protect against waste and carelessness. The Council will by Ordinance, give and grant the Water Company the right to adopt meter measure for water in any case, under such rates as are reasonable and just, and heretofore agreed upon by the El Paso Water Company and Sylvester Watts and associates, the present Water Company, and make such rates and regulations for the use of the water, and the collection of water rents, as his company shall deem proper, subject to the approval of the City Council of said City of El Paso, and that when said schedule is furnished and approved by the City Council, that then this Council will appropriate the money necessary to pay the present Bill of said Watts for the public Hydrants.

Signed A. Blacker.

no action being had on this resolution, the Council adjourned.

Approved
Trefle Mag Office
Mayor

Attest C L Kahn
City Clerk

Council Room

El Paso Texas February 24th 1883.

The City Council met on above date & appointed hour for its regular meeting. His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor in the Chair, who called the council to order & directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor present, Ald. J. P. Hague, 1st Ward, present; Ald J. Blum 1st Ward present. Ald. P. H. Keating, 2d Ward, present; Ald. A. Schuster 2d Ward, absent; Ald A. Blacker, 3d " present " A. F. Flood 3d " present. City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present, City Attorney A. Buckler present; Marshall J. B. Gillett present. There being the Mayor & five Aldermen present and one absent, the Mayor announced a Quorum present & the Council proceeded to the business before it.

On motion duly seconded the reading of the minutes of previous meetings was dispensed with.

It was moved & seconded to suspend the rules to consider the petition of W. E. Kneeland & others, for erection of a bridge across acequia on San Antonio Street. The Aldermen voted as follows on this motion. Aldermen Blum, Keating Blacker & Flood - "aye" being four (4) votes all for the motion & the same was declared carried & the rules suspended accordingly.

The following petition was then read:

To the Hon. Mayor & City Council of the City of El Paso Texas,

We your petitioners respectfully state that it is necessary for public convenience, to bridge the acequia at its junction of Olive & San Antonio Sts. We consider this a just petition from the fact that private parties have graded said street at their own expense, in order to have said street opened, there being a number of our best citizens shut off from communication for want of a bridge: and we ask that said bridge be placed across the acequia at the junction of San Antonio & Olive streets & on San Antonio street

Very respectfully

Signed W. E. Kneeland, Will J. Powell, Chas Davis.

to which petition a plat by A. C. Savage, City Engineer, was attached showing the relative position of the acequia to San Antonio & Olive Streets. It was moved & seconded that the prayer of this petition be granted, that a good & substancial bridge be built, so that travel can pass over it on San Antonio Street, & on a center center line with said Street, & that the sum of seventy five (75) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated, be & the same is hereby appropriated for that purpose, & that said bridge be built under the direction of the City Engineer.

The motion being put upon its passage the aldermen voted as follows Aldermen. Hague, Blum, Keating, Blacker & Flood - ayes - five (5) votes all in favor of the motion the same was declared carried.

A Memorial from the Board of Trade of this City signed by J. Julian President and W. G. Walz Secretary of said Board, giving their Ideas, and Opinions of said Board and the business men of this City upon the Water question, rates, schedules, power and C. was here submitted and on motion duly seconded referred to the Special Committee on Petition of Marr and Satherthwaite on water works franchise, of which Ald Flood is Chairman.

The petition of Carl Goethe de Grote, C.E., praying to be awarded the surveying and maping of this City for the sum of $800.00 and setting of Corner stones at $7.00 each was referred to Committee on Finance and C.

The petition of C. C. Kiefer, praying to be refunded taxes on personal property paid by him for J. Schwingle and the latters poll tax, assigning as as reason, that the City assessessor and Collector would not receive his Tax on Real property which he bought from said Schwingle nulep he also paid said personal and poll tax and C. was referred to Com on Finance &c.

It was now moved and seconded to suspend the rules to repeal so much of the Ordinance fixing occupation taxes as refers to the taxing of milk wagons. - Ald Hague, "no"; Ald Bluem, "no"; Ald Keating "aye"; ald Blacker, "aye"; Ald. Flood "aye" - five votes cast - Three for and two - Ald Blacker, against said motion to suspend - lost not being a 2/3 vote.

A Communication from Major S. J. Fletcher U. S. A. was received stating that he had selected the route for better approaches from this City to Fort Bliss and asking to be assisted in obtaining right of way.

It was moved and seconded, that this communication be referred to a Special Committee of two Aldermen - Carried - And his Honor the Mayor appointed Aldermen, Blacker and Keating said Committee.

The following petition was then read and received:

El Paso Texas February 24" 1883

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

Petitioners represent's that Magoffin addition having been assessed at $35000.00 as the value March 1" 1882, and on application reduced by Board of Equalization to the sum of $25000.00, a note of which reduction was not made at the time, and petitioners having paid $25.00 as taxes on the excess of $10000.00, beg the City Council to appropriate the sum of $25.00 to pay petitioners said excess paid into the City Treasury.

Signed J. W. Tays. Wm. S. Hills.

It was moved and seconded to suspend the rules in order to consider the above petition at once and without reference. Ald. Bluem, "aye"; Ald Keating "aye" Ald. Blacker "aye"; Ald. Flood, "aye". Ald Hague absent. four vote all for motion & rules suspended accordingly.

It was then moved & seconded that the $25.00 paid in excess by Tays & Hills add. Valorem Tax 1882 on Magoffin addition be refunded to them & that the City Clerk draw a warrant for amount in their favor upon City Treasurer, on which the vote was: Ald Hague "aye"; Ald Blum aye; Ald Keating "no"; Ald Black "aye"; Ald Ford "aye"; being five votes each for (4) for & one (1) against the motion & the same declared carried.

The following Resolution was then introduced

A Resolution of the City of Council of the City of El Paso providing for a postponement of the sale of certain property in the City of El Paso for Taxes due for the year ending February 28th 1883.

Whereas it has been made to appear to the City Council of the City of El Paso that the City assessor & Collector has advertised numerous pieces of real estate in the said City, for sale, for taxes, at the Court House at Yoleta on the 27th day of February 1883, on which the taxes have already been paid. therefore be it –

Resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso that the assessor & Collector be & he is hereby directed to postpone all sales of property until the Council can ascertain upon what property in the City subject to taxation for 1882 the taxes have not been paid; & that he take no further steps toward the sales of any real Estate in said City for said taxes or any part thereof until further orders from this Council & that the City Clerk deliver at once to the assessor & Collector a certified copy of this resolution.

This resolution being seconded was adopted & passed by a unanimous vote.

The City Engineer filed the following field notes,

Field Notes of Survey of Santa Fe St. from San Francisco Co. to A.T. & S.F. Rwy. Company's track

East line Santa Fe st S. 16° E.

Stakes set	Remarks		Stakes set		Remarks
0	Corner Santa Fe & San Francisco Co Sts.		16	Total 1343	
1	16 E.	100 ft	17	" 1443	
2	Adobe House 207.6	on line	18	" 1543	
3	" "	289.5 " N. side street	19	" 1625	Old acequia
4	Stake	300.0 "	20	1743	
5	"	400 "	21	1843	
6	"	500 "	22	1943	
7	"	543 " N. side Overland Str	23	2043	
8	"	643 " S. side " to adobe wall	24	2143	
9	"	743 "	25	2243	
10	"	843	26	2343	
11	"	943	27	2443	
12	"	1043 adobe wall	28	2543	
13	"	1143	29	2603	Center of A.T. & S.F. Rwy Track
14	"	1161 acequia			
15	"	1243			

West Line of Santa Fe Street.

0	Cor. San Francisco & Santa Fe adobe wall 1.4 on street	15	1760	
1	71.6 ft building 4/10 on line	16	1360	
2	210 adobe Wall 2 ft on street	17	1460	
3	296 Cor Sanora adobe Wall 2 ft on "	18	1560	
4	366 S. Side Sanora	19	1642	old acequia
5	400	20	1760	
6	500	21	1860	
7	590 N Side Overland St	22	1960	
8	660 S " " " adobe wall	23	2060	
9	760	24	2160	
10	860	25	2260	
11	960	26	2360	
12	1060 adobe wall	27	2460	
13	1160	28	2540	Center Santa Fe track
14.	1178 acequia			

I certify that the within are the lines of Santa Fe St. & stakes thereon as run by me Jany. 29 1883 by Order of J. Fisher Salterthwaite street Com.

Signed A. C. Savage, City Engr.
by Signed G. N. Marshal Deputy.

It was moved & seconded that these Field notes be filed & recorded in these Minutes & that the Bill of A. C. Savage dated Jany 31st 83 be & the same is hereby ordered paid, Carried.

The following report of the City Marshal was then presented & read:

Marshals Office, El Paso, Texas Febry 7th 1883

To the Hon. Mayor & City Council of El Paso Texas.

Gentlemen! I would respectfully report that in compliance with your instructions, I had the House in Utah street near Texas ave. removed & ground levelled for the sum of $15.00 & Adolfo & Vegas in said house. & I would respectfully ask that you will order a Warrant of $15.00 in favor of Thomas Miller.

Very respectfully - Signed J. B. Gillett, City Marshal.

It was moved & seconded that this report be received & filed & that a warrant for $15.00 be ordered in favor of Thomas Miller for removing said Obstruction. — Carried.

The following Report was then presented by the Committee on Finance & read:

To the Honorable the City Council of El Paso, Texas.

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of fixing the salary of the City physician for the months of December & January 1882, respectfully report, that owing to the fact that the small pox Epidemic required the Entire attention of the City physi-

tian during those months & he was required in order to properly attend to his duties, to purchase & keep a horse, ~~to the~~ visit the hospital, your committee recommend, that for the two aforesaid months an extra compensation of the City Physician of $75.00 per month be allowed.

Signed J. P. Hague Noah F. Flood & Paul H. Keating.

It was moved & seconded that the report of the Finance Committee be received & adopted & that that the sum of $150.00 Extra Compensation of the City Physician for the months of December 1882 & January 1883, as recommended be ordered paid to him, which motion was carried

The following Bills of A. L. Nichols against this City were then called up.

from October 20 to December 9th 1882.	for Medicines & C for Pest House & Paupers	36.35
" December 10 " " 24th "	" " " " "	111.50
" " 25 " " 31st 1882	" " " " "	59.65
" January 1st " January 12th 1883	" " " " "	64.70
Total One hundred seventy two 20/100 Dollars		$172.20

It was moved & seconded, that whereas these bills appear to be correct they be ordered paid. Carried.— The following Additional Roll for 1882 being omitted on principal Roll, Charge Jany 10/83 was given to M. H. Carrico, assessor & coll. for Collection, Ad Valorem Tax $18.08, Poll tax $1.00.

The following resolution was here introduced:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso:

That the provision of a resolution of the City Council of the City of El Paso providing for the improvement of San Antonio street, & the improvement of & removal of obstructions from Stanton street, from St Louis street to the Rio Grande, passed February 15th 1883., be & the same are hereby extended to that part of Stanton street, lying between St Louis & Montana streets & that said part of said street be opened & all obstructions there from removed under & in accordance with the provisions of said resolution

This resolution being seconded was duly adopted & passed.

The Bill of J. A. Buckler for $1.50 for recording deed, of Crosby, Nichols & Schuster to the City of El Paso, being District Clerks fees for same was presented & it was moved & seconded, that the same be ordered paid. Carried.

It was moved & seconded that the Ordinance creating & maintaining the fire Department of the City of El Paso, Texas, & regulating the Duties of Officers & members thereof, be printed in hand form Bills & that two hundred Copies thereof be so printed — carried

The Committee on Streets, Grades & C. returned the petition of property owners on El Paso street filed Dec 9th 1882 & referred to said Committee on same date with this Endorsement

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El Paso street having been graded according to the prayer of petitioners the Com. returns this petition to be filed, calling attention however to the fact, that nothing has been done, towards the guttering and drainage of El Paso street, signed A. Blacker, I. Blum
Also by the same committee the Petition of James Field, Endorsed We recommend that the within petition lay on the table, signed A Blacker, I Blum.
Also by the same committee the Petition of W. M. Smith and Co. with same Endorsment and signatures as last. And it was moved and seconded that these three reports be received and accepted and that these petitions be tabled - hereby returned (3) - Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the sum of four hundred eighty eight 70 dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the accounts and payments ordered at this session of the Council be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the City treasury not otherwise appropriated, Carried.
The Council then adjourned

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
S L Kahn
City Clerk.

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El Paso Texas, March 19th 1883.

The City Council met on above date and appointed hour pursuant to the following Call:

Mayors Office El Paso Texas.

To the Honorable Alderman of the City of El Paso
Gentlemen! By virtue of the authority in me vested by the the Charter of our City, I hereby summon you to convene in special meeting the next Monday March 19th 1883 at 3. p. m., for the purpose of receiving and considering the Communication from the Board of school Trustees of this City and acting upon the same.
Given under my hand and the seal of this City, this 17th day of April 1883.
Attest signed S L Kahn, City Clerk Signed Joseph Magoffin Mayor

His honor the Mayor called the council to order and had the above call read, and then directed the clerk to call the roll, which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor present
Ald. J. P. Hague 1st Ward present; Ald. I. Blum 1st Ward, present.
" Paul W. Keating 2d " present; " B. Schuster 2d " absent.
" A. Blacker 3d " present; " N. F. Flood 3d " absent
City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present; City Atty J. A. Buckler present; Marshal J. B. Gillett present
There being four (4) Aldermen present and two (2) absent His Honor announced