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.

Council Room

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

a Quorum present. And the Council proceeded to the business before it.

The following Communication was then read

X Room of Trustee's El Paso School District March 15th 1883.

To His Honor the Mayor & the Common Council of the City of El Paso.

Whereas in the opinion of the Attorney General, the Levying, assessing & Collecting of the School Taxes for the maintenance of Public free schools is vested in your honorable body, We do hereby recommend that your body take such action as is authorized by the Statutes of the State of Texas, & Whereas believing we had the power, levied a tax of one half of one per cent for the maintainance of public free schools & having contracted for lots suitable for public School buildings, also having contracted for a temporary School building & opened the public schools: We hereby earnestly recommend to your early consideration the necessity of immediate action in order to sustain the public free schools on a firm basis. Being powerless to act without your co-operation, we hope that such steps will be taken immediately as will advance the interest of the children, of the people & of the City. And that a tax of one half of one per cent be levied in order to construct suitable buildings & for the maintenance of the public free schools for ten months in the year. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed O. T. Bassett President C. C. Irwin Sech. Board.

On motion & seconded that this communication be received & filed, Carried

The following resolution was then introduced.

X A Resolution by the City Council of the City of El Paso calling an Election to determine the levy of a school tax in said City:

Whereas by a majority vote of the property tax payers of the City of El Paso voting at an Election heretofore held for that purpose, the City of El Paso has assumed control of the public free schools within her limits; Therefore be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso that an Election be & the same is hereby, ordered to be held in each ward in the City of El Paso on the thirty first day of March 1883 for the purpose of determining whether or not there shall be levied on the taxable property within the limits of said City, such a tax not to exceed one half of one per cent in addition to the pro rata of the available School fund received from the State as may be necessary to cond[illegible] the public Schools in said City for ten months in the year, at which none but property tax payers as shown by the last assessment rolls shall be permitted to vote. Be it further resolved, that the Mayor be directed to issue his proclamation giving at least ten days notice of the time of holding said Election, fixing the time for holding the same & appointing the presiding Officers thereof. This resolution shall take effect & be in force from & after its adoption, passage & Approval.

This resolution being seconded the same was adopted & passed unanimously.

The Council then proceeded to appoint the following Judges of Election & place of Voting.
In the first Ward, F. O. Clark & J. P. Dieter Judges — Polling Place Houck & Dieter Office.
" " Second " C. T. Jackson & W. A. Irvin " " " Fire Department House.
" " third " Joseph Gish & T. N. Buchanan " " " Newton & Andrews' Store.
It was further ordered that the above Resolution & Mayors proclamation
X be printed in the Daily Times until the day of Election.
The Council then adjourned

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
S. L. Kahn
City Clerk.

Council Rooms
El Paso Texas March 24th 1883

The City Council met for its regular session on above date & at appointed hour; His Honor Mayor Magoffin being absent, Alderman P. H. Keating, 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, absent; Ald. J. P. Hague, 1st Ward, present; Alderman J. Blume 1st Ward present; Ald. P. Keating 2d " , present; " B. Schuster 2d " , absent; " A. Baeter 3 " , present; " A. J. Flood 3d " , absent; City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present; City Attorney J. A. Buckler, present; Marshal Gillett present. The Clerk reported the result of the Roll Call as above & a Quorum of Aldermen being present, the Council proceeded with the business before it.

The Minutes of the Council Meetings of December 9th, 12th, 14th, 23rd, & 30th 1882; & of January 10th, 15th & 27th February 3rd, 5th, 6th, 10th, 13th & 14th 1883 were then read & duly approved at the conclusion of each being read.

Marlane & Malony have paid the assessor & Collector $25.00 for occupation Licence as Retail Malt Liquor dealers, they applied to the Mayor to have said License issued to Marlane & Rocco the successors of Marlane & Malony, the Mayor referred this application to the City Attorney, who in his written reply states that the transfer can only be made by order of the City Council & the Application & all Papers in this matter were therefor read & on motion duly seconded they were referred to Com. on Rev. of Ordinances.

Report of Health Officer Dr. A. E. Rogers received & read & ordered filed, &

It was moved & seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to the "Lone Star" Newspaper for publishing said Report of the City Health Officer, before filing here, Carried.

It was then moved & seconded, that this Report, the matter of taking care of

the City Pest House property & to examining as to condition of privies be referred to a special Committee of 3 members & that said Committee be authorized to employ a City Scavenger carried; & the acting Mayor appointed Messrs Blum, Hague & Shuster said special Committee

The Street Commissioner submitted the following plans & specifications for improving the public square, to wit:

El Paso Texas March 23rd 1883.

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

Sirs. In accordance with your resolution made, when allowing an appropriation of $600.00 to be spent towards the improvement of the Public Square, I would report the following purchases made for that purpose, & would inform you of my purposed plan of improving this square. First, to inclose with an iron post & Chain fence.

Second, To put a fountain in the Centre & arrange to use the waste water for the irrigation of tree. To lay out walks & plant trees, to make a side walk around the whole square. I have ordered 103 iron posts 4½ to 5 inches in diameter, five feet long, three feet above the Ground, –

Estimated Cost $2.25 each	$292.50 –	(should be $231.75)
1040 feet of ¼ inch chain twisted @ 7¼ c per ft	64.60 –	(" " 75.40)
600 " iron pipe at $13.20 per 100 ft less –	49.90	(" " 49.90)
Pictures Estimate	30.00	(" " 30.00)
4000 feet Lumber for Side Walks Curbs @ 30	120.00	(" " 120.00
	$557.00	(" " $507.05

I have 100 Cottonwood trees dug up & heeled in ready to be planted when the fence is made, & I have them protected so that they can be planted in a few weeks from now. I have got free freight from St Louis over the Texas Pacific R.R. & these are the lowest prices at St Louis with full discount. I recognize that the $600.00 from the City will not be sufficient, but shall collect by subscription & thus Enough to grade the square & make other improvements, I have also purchased some seats for the Square. Yours.

Signed J. Fisher Satterthwaite, Street Comm.

It was moved & seconded, that these Plans & Specifications be received, accepted & approved –, Carried.

Moved & seconded that a warrant be issued to J. Fisher Satterthwaite, Street Commissioner for $600.00 from 6th February 1883 on & payable 6 months from that date as per Resolution passed by this council on said February 6th 1883. On which the Aldermen voted as follows, Ald. "Hague" aye; Blum "aye", Keating "aye", Schuster "aye"; & Blocker "aye". five (5) votes cast all in favor & the motion declared carried.

Moved & seconded, that the Council now adjourn to Monday, Mch 26th 1883 at 3 p.m. & after this session closes the council will meet in executive session – Carried.

Attest D L Kahn City Clerk.

Approved Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Council Room

El Paso Texas March 26" 1883.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment on above date and at appointed hour; His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor being absent, Ald. Keating Mayor pro tem. took the Chair and 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 1st Ward, present; Ald. B. Schuster, 2 Ward, present; Ald. A. Blacker 3d " present; " P.W. Keating 2" Ward present; Ald. N. T. Flood 3d Ward, ~~present~~ absent. City Clerk S. L. Kahn present; City Atty. J. A. Buckler present. Marshal J. B. Gillett and asst Marshal Geo Harris present. The Clerk reported the above result and the Mayor pro tem announced a Quorum present and the Council proceeded with its business

The following Resignation from Marshal J. B. Gillett was then ~~received~~ & read:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, El Paso.

Gentlemen! I hereby tender to your Honorable Body my resignation of the Office of City Marshal of El Paso and request that it will take Effect from and after the 31" instant in order to allow you time to investigate my accounts with the City. Thanking you for uniform Kindness I have received at the ~~various~~ hands of the various members of your body, I am very respectfully your obedient Servant

signed Jas. B. Gillett.

Moved and seconded, that the resignation of J. B. Gillett as City Marshal be received, carried by the following vote: Ald. Hague, "aye"; Blum, "aye"; Keating "aye"; Blacker, "aye"; four votes all in favor of the motion.

A Suplementary petition of Carl Gote de Grate to his Petition dated and ref. to Finance Committee February 24" 1883 in Explanation of his said petition and how said maps and survey are to be made &c. was received and referred to Comm. on Rev. of Ordinances &c.

The following Remonstrance was then read.

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

Gentlemen! We the undersigned original Petitioners for a bridge to be placed accross the acequia at the place that said acequia crosses San Antonio street near Olive. As Tax payers and City zens whose property abuts on said streets in the immediate vicinity of said bridge and who are therefore especially interested in the quality, size and style of said bridge, would respectfully ~~ag~~ remonstrate against any and all payments to any and all concerned under the appropriation made February 24" 1883 for these reasons: Said bridge is not in accordance with the order made by your honorable body at that date and is such a bridge structure that it will not accomodate the travel for which it is designed. We also state that the appropriation for said bridge if judiciously expended would have built a thirty foot bridge, therefore we ask that

no payments be made – March 19th 1883 Signed Chas Davis per Mgr.
" Wm J. Fewell, & W. E. Kneland.

This remonstrance was referred to Committee on Finance &c. with instructions to report at once – Which report was as follows:

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

Gentlemen: Your Committee to whom was referred the within remonstrance beg leave to report on the same & to say, that we considered the subject matter herein contained in connection with the ordinance & estimate heretofore made by the City Engineer & we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Signed J. P. Hague Paul W. Keating.

It was moved & seconded that the Report of this Committee on the above Remonstrance be adopted – Carried.

The bill of Buchanan & Lurkins, was then referred to the Comm. on Finance &c. with instructions to report at once, Said Bill is as follows

Mch 19. 83 To one Bridge on San Antonio street over Acequia sixty Dollars.

A Majority of the Committee on Finance reported as follows thereon:

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

Gentlemen! We the finance Committee to whom was referred the foregoing bill, would respectfully state, that in our opinion the same ought not to be paid, because 1st the bridge constructed has not been constructed in accordance with the resolution of your honorable body made in that behalf & 2d that the above bill is excessive for the work done.

Signed J. P. Hague Paul W. Keating.

Moved & seconded that the Report of this Committee on Bill of Buchanan & Lurkins be received & adopted. Carried.

The Bill of A. C. Savage City Engineer March 6th 1883 – to wit:
To running Line & Levels on San Antonio street near Magoffin Ave: $10.00
Was referred to Committee on Finance &c. with instructions to report at once.

The report of said Committee herein is as follows:

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

Gentlemen! We your Committee to whom was referred the foregoing bill beg leave to state we have considered the same in connection with the statement of the Dep. City Engineer upon the character of the bridges constructed as also with the Ordinance heretofore passed in that behalf by your Hon body – & in our opinion the account ought not to be paid; because it appears from the Ordinance & statement referred to, that the services rendered by the City Engineer in the building of the bridges provided for in such ordinance. Signed J. P. Hague Chmn. Paul W. Keating.

Moved & seconded that the Report of the Committee of Finance &c on Bill of A. C. Savage, be received & adopted – Carried.

The acting Mayor called to the attention of the City Council the matter of building a new jail. After discussion by the Council of this subject, It was moved & seconded, that a special Committee be appointed to look in the matter of purchasing a lot for jail & other City buildings & take options to obtain suitable ground for the purpose of erecting said buildings thereon, & report as soon as practicable to the City Council & that the Committee having had this matter in charge be herewith discharged from the further consideration of this matter — Carried, & the acting Mayor appointed the following Aldermen said committee Mess. Hague, Blum & Schuster

Moved & seconded to go into executive session Carried. The Hall was cleared & Acting Mayor Keating vacated the Chair & called upon Ald. Schuster to preside

It was moved & seconded, that the resignation of Marshal Gillett be accepted & shall take effect not later than March 31st 1883, & that is the desire of this Council that he retires on that day, Carried
It was also moved & seconded that the City Clerk, at once notify Asst. Marshals Wagner & Scollen & Special Officer Wheat to resign by request of the City Council & that said request be as follows to each of above named Police Officers, to wit:
Sir! I am instructed by the City Council to advise you, that your resignation as Asst. Marshal (or Jailor — as case may be —) of the City of El Paso is requested, to take effect not later than (12) twelve (m) o'clock 27th inst.

By Order of the City Council — & to be signed by City Clerk, with City Seal

The above motion was carried unanimously.
The Council then proceeded to Elect an assistant marshal & Policeman & Frank Manning receiving all the votes cast for the position of Asst. Marshal was duly declared Elected from March 27th on.
J. N. Johnson receiving all votes cast for the position of Policeman was duly declared elected from this date on a Policeman.
It was now moved & seconded, that the pay of Policeman J. N. Johnson shall be $75.00 per month & that amount is hereby appropriated monthly for his payment, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated
The Aldermen voted as follows on this motion Ald: Hague, Blum, Keating, Schuster & Blacker aye five (5) votes all in favor of the motion & the same declared carried
The council then rose in executive session & Acting Mayor Keating took the Chair, When on motion duly seconded the actions of the council in executive session were ratified &
The Council then adjourned to 10 a.m. Mch 27th 1883.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
D L Kahn
City Clerk

Council Room

El Paso Texas March 27th 1883

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment on above date & at appointed hour, Acting Mayor Keating in the Chair, who in the absence of the Mayor called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll which resulted as follows: His Honor Mayor W. Magoffin absent. Ald. J. P. Hagne, 1st Ward, present; Ald. J. Ohm 1st Ward, present; " P. H. Keating, 2" " , present; " B. Schuster 2d " present; " A. Blacker, 3" " , present; " N. F. Flood 3d " absent; City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present; City Attorney J. A. Buckler, present; Marshal J. B. Ellett present. The Clerk reported the above result, & the acting Mayor anounced a Quorum present for the transaction business.

The Resignation of W. P. Rayner assistant Marshal presented & read, to wit:

El Paso Texas, March 27th 1883.

To the Hon. Mayor & Board of Aldermen of the City of El Paso.

Gentlemen! I hereby tender my resignation to your honorable body, Gentlemen allow me to express to you my sincere thanks for the confidence you entrusted in me in making me an asst. Marshal of your town & to state while occupying this position, that I to the best of my knowledge performed the duties of my office. Very Respt.

Signed Wm. P. Rayner.

It was moved & seconded, that the resignation of Wm. P. Rayner be received - Carried.

It was then moved & seconded, that the resignation of Wm. P. Rayner as asst. Marshal, be accepted, said resignation to take effect at 12 m. this day, Carried.

The Deed of Nichols & Crosby for 12 feet in front of Lot 34. Blk 6. on El Paso street, this City, was presented & read by City Clerk & referred to Com. on Ordinances &c.

The following Bills & Accounts were then received & read & referred to Committee on Finance Claims & Accounts:

Mch 10th & 20th 83	A. Campbell,	Building inner Wall & ceiling in Jail	45.00
Febry 9 " 15 "	W. A. Irvin & Co,	Boots & Stationery	23.00
Mch 9 1883	Stuart & Sutherland,	Oil & Matches	12.00
Febry 17 "	C. T. Jackson & Co.	Lumber, for West Overland Str. Crossing	5.43
" 13 & 17" 1883.	Benesse & Pierce,	Leg iron - 4" Nails	13.40
" 24 "	Buchanan & Lurkins,	Coffin for Pauper	3.50
" 24 "	W. M. Mayers,	Nursing Alfred Mullick "	3.00
" 23 "	M. Coffin & Bro.	Rent of House for Fire Deptmt.	35.00

The Resignation of Ed. H. Scollen, asst Marshal was presented & read to wit:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of El Paso.
Gentlemen! I hereby tender to your Honorable body my resignation as asst. Marshal of the City of El Paso. In serving my connection with your Honorable body as an officer of the City I desire to tender you my thanks for the confidence imposed in me to the position but am sorry to know, that from some cause unknown to me, the confidence then manifested has ceased to exist. but I have the proud satisfaction of knowing, that during my whole term as an officer, I have not done any act, justly calculated to diminish it in any degree.

Very respectfully signed Ed H. Scotten.

It was moved and seconded, that the resignation of Ed. H. Scotten be received, - Carried.

It was then moved and seconded that the resignation of Ed. H. Scotten, as asst. Marshal be accepted, to take effect March 27" 12 m 1883. - Carried.

The Petition of W. L. Smith Meredith, applying for a position on the police force, was referred to Comm. on Rev. of Ordinance, Rules &c.

It was moved and seconded that the Council go into executive session on police matters. Carried

On Adjournment of Executive session, the City Council adjourned to Monday April 2d 1883 at 3 p.m.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
P. L. Kahn, City Clerk.

Council Room
El Paso Texas, April 2d 1883.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment, on above date and at appointed hour, acting Mayor Keating in the Chair, who in the absence of His Honor the Mayor 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, 1st Ward, present; Ald. J. Blum, 1st Ward, present
" P. W. Keating 2" " present; " B. Schuster 2" " absent
" A Blacker 3" " present; " N. F. Flood 3" present.
City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present, City Atty G. A. Buckler, absent, asst. Marshal Comstock present.
The City Clerk reported the above result and the acting Mayor announced a Quorum present: when it was moved and seconded to adjourn to April 4th 1883 at 3. p. m.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
P. L. Kahn, City Clerk.