Council Room

El Paso Texas November 4th 1882

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment on above date, & appointed hour. 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. Hague, 1st Ward, present. Ald. A Phillips, 1st Ward, present. Ald. B. Schuster 2d " absent. Ald P. A. Keating, 2d Ward, present. Ald A. Blasker, 3d Ward, present. Ald J. T. Flood, 3d Ward present. Being five aldermen present & one absent a Quorum present. City Clerk S. L. Kahn present. City Atty. J. A Booker, present. Marshal J. B. Gillett absent on leave. Asst Marshal Ed. A. Scottey present. An Ordinance on Opening the Streets of the City &c. was here introduced as framed by the City Atty & referred to Com. on Revision of Rules & Ordinances, License & Police.

It was moved & seconded, that Ninety (90) days Extension of the original time required by the Ordinance granting them the Right of Way, be granted the South western Telegraph & Telephone Co. On which motion the Ald. voted as follows: Ald Hague, "aye". Ald. Phillips, "aye", Ald Keating, "aye". Ald Blasker, "aye" Ald Flood "aye". Being five votes cast all in favor of the motion & the extension was granted.

By consent the Petition of P. A. Keller, relating to survey by City Engineer was read & received & referred to Committee on Finance &c.

It was moved & seconded that the City Attorney give his written opinion on the law as delegated in the Charter of the City in granting & improving Streets & how payment shall be assessed, Carried. The Committee on Finance & C. reported as follows.

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

We the undersigned property owners on El Paso Street, respectfully petition your Honorable body, to Extend the fire limits from First Street down the said Street to Sixth.

Signed Will J. Duval, B. H. Davis, F. P. Hogan, A. A. Dubel, R. T. Campbell, John P. Rector Lightbody & Jones, Wm. M. Pierson, &C.

Hon Mayor & City Council City of El Paso

Your Committee to whom above petition was referred respectfully recommend, that it be not granted.

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Signed P. Hague, Chmn. Mark D. Flood, Paul W Keating } on Finance

Also the following Report from same Committee on Bills referred to them

Committee of Finance Rooms

El Paso Texas November 4th 1882

To his Hon. the Mayor and City Council, — El Paso,

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Finance would would respectfully return the following Bills, with their approval and recommend their payment.

S L Kahn	4 25	over	117 73
Geo Rand	5 00	J. Haas	19 05
El Paso Herald Co	5 28	Geo Dunning and Co	2 00
Geo. D. Barnard & Co	9 65	Texas News Co	9 50
Stewart and Sutherland	1 20	Mundy Bros	4 50
City Drug store	4 25	Dr. Hoffmann	2 00
A. C. Savage	15 00	Buchanan and Lurdius	3 50
J. Fish	60 00	C. T. Jackson & Co	7 48
W. A. Irvin & Co	13 10	Beneke and Pierce	73 05
over	$117 73	Total	$238 81

Respectfully submitted

Signed, — J. P. Hague, Chmn Com. on Finance
" — P. W. Keating } members " " "
" — N. F. Flood } " " " "

It was moved and seconded that these two reports be received and the recommendations therein passed and that the sum of $238.81 be and is hereby appropriated to pay the above claims, Carried by the following vote: Ald^n Hague "aye", Phillips "aye", Keating "aye", Blacker "aye" and Flood "aye" five votes all in favor thereof

Moved and seconded that the additional pay of the City Clerk, acting as General Committee Clerk, commence from the second day of September 1882 at the rate of $35.00 per month in addition to Salary already fixed. On which the Aldermen voted as follows: Aldermen; Hague "aye", Phillips "aye", Keating "aye", Blacker "aye" and Flood "no" Five votes cost 4 for and one against and Motion declared, Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the resignation of Ald. Krakauer of the Office of City Treasurer be accepted — Carried —

It was moved and seconded, that the Council proceed to the Election of a City Treasurer to fill vacancy of Treasurer Krakauer — resigned, Carried. Whereupon Ald Flood nominated J. W. Zallars for the position of City Treasurer, seconded by Ald. Blacker. No other nominations and the Council proceeded to ballot

There being five votes cast all for J. W. Dollars, he was declared duly elected City Treasurer for the unexpired term.

It was moved & Seconded to make the Office of City Engineer a Salaried Office, Carried & referred as to Salary to Com. on Finance

Recommendations of Committee on Fire & Water on Organization of City Fire Department received, & layed over.

The Council then adjourned

Approved

For the Mayor

Mayor

Attest

S. L. Kahn

City Clerk

Council Room

El Paso Texas November 11th 1882

The City Council met for its regular Meeting on above date at appointed hour. His Honor the Mayor, Joseph Magoffin, in the Chair, who called the Council to order, & directed the Clerk to call the Roll, which resulted as follows:

His Hon. Jos. Magoffin Mayor, present. Ald. Hague, 1st Ward, present. Ald. Phillips 1st Ward, absent. Ald. Schuster, 2d Ward, present. Ald Keating 2d Ward, present. Ald A. Blacker, 3d Ward present. Ald. Flood 3d Ward, present. City Clerk, S. L. Kahn, absent. A. C. Savage, acting in his place. Clerk Kahn being sick & excused. City Atty. Braddock, present. Asst. Marshal Scott present. City Marshal Gillett absent on Leave. A Quorum of Aldermen being present the Council proceeded with the Business before it.

On Motion duly seconded the reading of the minutes of previous Meeting was dispensed with.

A petition of Tom. Riley, to be permitted to act as Private Watchman within the City was received & read, & it was moved & seconded to appoint said Riley a special Police without pay authorizing him to carry arms & make arrests. Amended, to say, that he be commissioned by the Mayor from Month to Month. On which motion as amended the ayes & noes were called for resulting as follows: Aldermen Hague, Schuster, Keating & Blacker, voting aye & & Flood "no." Carried.

By consent a petition from Messrs A. L. Nichols & J. F. Crosby was presented, praying that the City deed to them a certain strip of land on Little Plaza, in lieu of a certain strip of land occupied by their Store Lot 3 & 4 Block 6, fronting on East side of El Paso Street

Moved & seconded that the rules be suspended & that action thereon be taken at once, on which the vote was as follows, Ald. Hague & Flood voting no. Ald. Schuster, Keating & Blacker voting, "aye."

Lost not two thirds of the Aldermen present voting for same.

It was then moved & seconded, that the petition of said Nichols & Crosby be referred to Committee on Streets, Grades &c.— Carried; with this that Mr. Hague ask with the said Committee on this petition.

The account of A. C. Savage City Engineer for $197.75 for services on ditch north of Maiden &c. was returned by the Committee on Finance, with the Committees Approval.

Moved & seconded that the account of A. C. Savage City Engineer for $197.75 be ordered paid, Carried the Ald. voting as follows, Ald. Hague, Schuster, Blacker & Flood voting aye. 4 vote cast all in favor of motion.

The same committee reported also on the account of W. H. Carrico dated March 11th 1882 as follows:

The finance Committee have reconsidered the Claim on the reverse hereof & recommend, that the whole amount of $11.00 be ordered paid— Signed— J. P. Hague, Chmn.
P. H. Keating & Finance Com.

It was moved & seconded that the report be adopted the account ordered paid, on which the vote was as follows: Ald Hague Keating, Schuster & Blacker- "aye" Flood no. Carried 4 to 1.

The following Accounts against the City were then presented:
F. DeGarde 11 days as Nurse at Pest House @ 2.00 22.00
Jos. Smith 5 " " " to Paupers Patient " 2.00 10.00
Total 32.00

It was moved & seconded that the Rules be suspended to enable us to take up these two bills. Carried by the following Vote. Ald. Hague, Keating, Schuster & Blacker voting aye. 4 vote, all Flood.
It was then moved & seconded that these two Bills be paid & that the sum of two hundred seventy one-25/x dolls or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the bills approved at this meeting - be & is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The ayes & nays being called for the Aldermen voted as follows is
Ald. Hague, Keating, Schuster, Blacker & Flood voted "aye".
Five votes cast all in favor of Motion & the same was declared carried.
The council then Adjourned.

Approved
Joseph McGlynn
Mayor

Attest
D. R. Kahn
City Clerk

Council Room

El Paso Texas November 20th 1882

The City Council met pursuant to ~~adjournment~~ the following call.

Mayors Office, El Paso Texas

To the Aldermen of the City of El Paso

Gentlemen!

By virtue of the authority, in me vested by the charter of this City, I hereby Summon You to convene for a Special meeting of your Honorable body, to meet Saturday at 11 a.m. November 20th 1882 for the purpose of counting the Returns of a Special Election held November 14th 1882, Given under my hand & the Seal of this City this 17th November 1882 — Signed Joseph Magoffin

Mayor.

Attest, S.L. Kahn City Clerk

His Honor Joseph Magoffin being not present, Ald. Paul W. Keating, called the Council to Order & Caused the above Call to be read.

The Roll being called resulted as follows: Mayor Joseph Magoffin, absent. Ald. P.W. Keating Mayor pro tem. present; Ald. J.P. Hague, 1st Ward, present. Ald. W. Phillips, 1st Ward, present; Ald. P.W. Keating 2nd Ward, present. Ald. D. Schutze, 2nd Ward absent. Ald. A. Blasker, 3rd Ward absent; Ald. W. Flood 3rd Ward, present.

A. Lecompte being present the Council proceeded to attend the business for which they were convened, the canvassing of the Returns of the Special Election held November 14th 1882.

The Returns being opened & found according to Law.

the following are the Returns of the respective Wards.

1st Ward 32 Votes for the control of Public free schools by Trustees
and none against

2d " 71 Votes for the control of the Pub'l free schools by Trustees
and none against

3d " 31 Votes for the control of the public free schools by Trustees
and none against

Total 134 Votes for the control of the public free schools by a Board of Trustees & none against & his Honor declared the proposition carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Approved

Paul W. Keating

Mayor pro tem.

Attest

S.L. Kahn

City Clerk.

Council Room

El Paso Texas November 25th 1882

The council met for its regular meeting on above date and appointed hour His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor not being present, Ald P. W. 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. P. W. Keating - 2d ward - Mayor pro tem, present; Ald J. Hague, 1st Ward, present; Ald W. Phillips, 1st Ward, absent; Ald. B. Schuster, 2nd Ward, present; Ald A. Blacker 3rd " , present; " N. F. Flood 3rd " present. City Clerk S. Kahn present, City Atty Ga. Buckler, present. Marshal Gillett absent; Assistant Marshal, E. H. Scottett present; the Clerk announced the Result of the Roll Call as 5 Aldermen present and the Mayor and one Alderman absent. A Quorum being present the Council proceeded to business —— On Motion duly seconded the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

A Petition from J. Fisher Satterthwaite and James Marr asking a franchise for a gas Company within this City, of which they intend to become the incorporators, for furnishing gas for illuminating purposes to the City and the inhabitants thereof, and praying for certain exclusive rights and privileges &c. It was moved and seconded that said Petition be received and read and that it be referred to a special Committee of three, Carried. The Mayor appointed on this Committee: Ald Blacker, Schuster and Flood.

The Petition of James Marr and J. Fisher Satterthwaite praying for a franchise within this City for themselves and associates to supply water to the City of El Paso and the Inhabitants thereof and praying for certain rights and exclusive privileges &c. and Binding themselves to do and perform certain acts &c in connection therewith. It was moved and seconded that the same be received and read and that said petition be referred to a special Committee of three. Carried. And the actg Mayor appointed, Ald. Flood. Blacker and Hague such committee.

The Report from the Committee on Fire and Water was then received and read: being its report on the investigation of the Contract of this City with Sylvester Watts of the Water Co, in accordance with resolution passed by the City Council Oct. 28th 1882.

It was moved and seconded that this report be recommitted to the Committee on Fire and Water and that said Committee be instructed, to inquire of the City Attorney, to give an Opinion as to the recommendations to this Council contained in said report, Carried.

The final Report of City Treasurer Krakauer, was received and was referred to the Committee on Finance &c.

It was moved & seconded that the Finance committee be empowered to Employ an Expert to ~~Execute~~ examine the books of all the City Officers to report by the first of January 1883. on which the Ald voted as follows Ald Keating, "aye", Aldschuster "aye", Ald Blacker "aye". & Ald Flood "aye". Four votes cast all in favor of the Motion & the same was declared carried.

It was moved & seconded that the Committee on Streets, Grade &c. be discharged of considering the Petition of Nichols & Crosby on a ~~vacating~~ of certain land &c. & that the same be referred back to the Council & that action be taken on said petition at once. On which motion the vote was as follows: Ald. Keating "aye"; Ald Schuster "aye" Ald Blacker "aye" Ald Flood "no". There being four Votes each three for & One against the Motion the same was declared carried.

It was moved & seconded that the petition which follows herewith of Mess Nichols & Crosby be & is hereby granted & that the City Attorney draw up an agreement & ~~contract~~ all necessary papers between the City & Petitioners.

The State of Texas }
City of El Paso }

To the Honorable Mayor & Aldermen of the City of El Paso

J. D. Crosby & A. L. Nichols respectfully represent, that they are the owners in fee of Lots 34 & 135 in Block 6 of said City. That said Lot No 34 projects 12 feet into El Paso street & to that extent is an obstruction to said street. & That said Owners realizing the importance & benefit to the City of removing all obstruction to said street, propose to convey to the City of El Paso all that portion of lot 34 projecting into said El Paso street, containing 733 square feet, together with the triangle of 9367 square feet off of the North East corner of lot 135, as represented outside of the dotted lines upon the plat of said lots, hereto attached. The consideration that said City of El Paso will convey & relinquish to them the said J. D. Crosby & A. L. Nichols all that portion of what is known as the little Plaza, adjoining said lots, included within the red dotted lines, as represented upon said attached plat, made by projecting the East line of El Paso street N. 16 W. 91 feet with said plaza. Thence at right angles to said street N. 74 E. to the alley in said Block 6. containing 828, square feet.

Believing that this arrangement in regard to said street & plaza will add greatly to the appearance & convenience of the City, Your petitioners would ask that your Honorable body pass an ordinance to that Effect. If the above proposition is accepted the petitioners will obligate themselves to remove all building & improvements upon the street, & deliver possession thereof on the 1st of April A. D. 1883.

Signed J. D. Crosby
by B. H. Davis, atty in fact
A. L. Nicolls.

On the Ayes and nayes being called on above motion the result was as follows: Ald Keating "aye". Ald Schuster, "Aye". Ald Bucker, "aye" and Ald Flood "aye". Four votes cast all in favor and the motion was declared carried and the petition granted.

It was moved and seconded that Ald. Flood be added to Committee on Streets and Grades for the purpose of considering the purchase of a lot for City Jail. carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee on Finance &c be authorized and empowered to rent a room for the use of the fire apparatus - Ald. voting as follows, Ald.mn Keating, Schuster, Blacker and Flood aye. four votes cast all in the affirmative and the motion declared carried.

The following

Resolution was then introduced and seconded:

Whereas Ald. W. Phillips of the first Ward of this City has removed from the City to the town of Ysleta where he now permanently resides, as has been made known to this Council, thereby vacating his seat in this council and losing his residence in said Ward and City, therefore Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that the seat of Ald. Phillips is and be declared vacated and that the first Ward thereby is entitled to Elect a successor to said Phillips in this body and that the Mayor order an Election to fill said vacancy with in the prescribed time.

The Aldermen voting as follows: Ald Keating "aye". Ald. Schuster "aye". Ald Blacker "aye". and Ald Flood, "no". Four votes cast - Three for and one against the Resolution. And his Honor the Acting Mayor declared the Resolution carried and adopted.

The Council then Adjourned.

Approved

Paul W Keating

Mayor pro tem.

Attest

O L Kahn

City Clerk