Council Room

El Paso Texas September 23d 1882

The City Council met for its regular meeting on above date & at 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. W Phillips 1st Ward absent; Ald. B. Schuster 2d Ward, present. Ald. A. Blacker 3d Ward present. Ald. P. W. Keating 2d " present. Ald. A. F. Flood 3d Ward present; five members & the Mayor present, a Quorum. City Clerk. S.L. Kahn, present; J. A. Buckler City Atty, absent sick & excused, City Marshal J. B. Gillett, absent. Asst Marshal Ed. J. Scotten, present.

It was moved & seconded, that the council adjourn to Sept 25" 1882 carried & Council so adjourned.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
S L Kahn
City Clerk.

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El Paso Texas October 28" 1882.

The City Council met for its regular meeting on above date & at appointed hour. In the absence of His Honor the Mayor, Ald. P. W. Keating Mayor pro tem took the Chair & called the council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll, which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, absent; Ald. P. W. Keating, Mayor pro tem, present; Ald. J. P. Hague, 1st Ward, present; Ald W. Phillips, 1st Ward, absent. Ald. B. Schuster 2d Ward, present; Ald. A. Blacker, 3d Ward, present. Ald. A. F. Flood, 3d Ward present. Result: Four Members present, the Mayor & one Alderman absent. Also present: City Clerk S. L. Kahn, City Atty. J. A. Buckler, Marshal J. B. Gillett. There being Quorum of Aldermen present the Council proceeded to business.

The minutes of August 1" 9" 12" 21" 30" & Sept. 1" 9" & 23 were read & there being no objection they each & all stood approved.

A Petition from Jas. B. Gillett, Marshal of the City, asking ten days leave of absence was received & read & ordered filed.

It was moved & seconded that the rules be suspended in order to consider said petition at once, & the rules were suspended accordingly by all votes being in favor thereof. It was moved & seconded, that ten days leave of absence be granted Marshal Gillett, unconditionally; the ayes & nays being called for on this motion, the vote was as follows: Ald. Hague, "aye"; Ald. Schuster, "aye"; Ald. Keating, "aye" Ald Blacker, "aye"; Ald. Flood, "No." Being five votes each - four - for & one against the Motion & the same was declared carried, & leave granted.

It was moved & seconded that Marshal J. H. Comstock, be Elected to act as Marshal ad interim during the absence of the Marshal.

Upon a Ballot being had there were four Ballots cast all for J. H. Comstock for Marshal ad interim & he was declared duly Elected.

A petition of 50 Electors asking that an Election for six School Trustees be called was here read & referred back to the Mayor protem.

A Petition from M. Ullmann asking permission to erect Seven Poles on El Paso Street, for the purpose of creating wires thereon for a Telephone to connect his Business houses was received & read. It was moved & seconded that the prayer of M. Ullmann be granted, with the proviso, that said poles shall not interfere with any private or public rights or conveniences, & that said privelege be for the term of one year only, Carried.

The Petition of C. F. Himsacker & others was read calling the attention of the council to the Condition of El Paso Street at the crossing of the acequia & asking that that the same be filled up. It was moved & seconded, that this Petition lay on the Table. Carried by the following vote:- Ald Hague, "aye" Ald Schuster, "aye;" Ald Keating "aye;" Ald Blacker, "aye;" Ald Flood, "no."

The Petition of G. H. Emmerson & others asking that an election be ordered in the first Ward in place of Ald. Phillips, who they state had removed to Ysleta, was received & read & ordered filed & by Consent was referred to the Committee on Revision of Rules & Ordinance, Licenses & Police.

The Committee on Streets, Grades & public improvements then presented the following report:

The Committee on Streets & Grades &c. recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved that the City Engineer is here by directed without delay, to have the ditch dug by the Southern Pacific R.R. Co or the Galveston Houston & San Antonio R.R. Co. on the following streets namely: Missouri Street beginning in the middle of St Vrain Street, running East to Octavia Street, Octavia Street from Missouri St. to the south line of Franklin & Franklin St or any other Street from Octavia to the point, where it goes into Main St, filled & levelled off at once.

Signed A. Blacker.
" B. Schuster.

It was moved & seconded that the report be received & placed on file, Carried. It was then moved & seconded, that the report lay over till next meeting, which was agreed to.

By consent the following resignation of asst. Marshal Walton was received & read.

El Paso October 20th 1882.

The Honorable Mayor & City Council, City of El Paso:

I hereby tender my resignation, as asst. Marshal, from Oct. 19th 1882.

Signed, H. Walton, asst. Marshal, El Paso Tex.

It was moved & seconded that the resignation of H. Walton, asst. Marsh. be accepted, Carried.

It was moved & seconded that the Council proceed to Elect an asst. Marshal, Carried.

Ald. Flood nominated Wm. P. Rayner, for Asst Marshal, the nomination was seconded by Ald Hague, The Council proceeded to ballot & there being five Ballots cast all for Wm. P. Rayner he was declared duly Elected asst Marshal of the City of El Paso.

It was moved & seconded that an other & additional, Asst. Marshal be Elected, which was Carried, & Ald Flood nominated Geo Harris, as asst. Marshal seconded by Ald. Blacker. The Council proceeded to Ballot & there being five Ballots cast all for Geo. Harris, he was declared duly elected asst. Marshal of El Paso.

The following Resolution was then received from the Committee on Fire & Water,

Be it,

Resolved: by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that the Committee on Fire & Water, be Empowered & instructed, to Examine any & All members of the old Water Company & any & all other persons in relation to all matters pertaining to their negotiations & Contract with Sylvester Watts of the present Water Company & touching all matters in relation thereto,

And to make Examination into & report upon all matters pertaining to the present contract of the said Watts with this City ~~to the public~~ both in its relations to the City, to the public & to the said Watts; & that this report be completed & submitted at the next regular meeting of this Council.

Signed Paul H. Keating Chairmain of Committee

" Ben Schuster, Comm.

It was moved & seconded that the Resolution be adopted, Carried.

It was moved & seconded, that the Committee on Streets, Grades & Public Improvements be authorized & Empowered to purchase a lot for the erection of a jail, On which Motion the Aldermen voted as follows: Ald. Hague, "aye". Ald. Schuster, "aye"; Ald Keating, "aye" Ald Blacker, "aye" Ald. Flood, "aye". Being five votes cast all in favor of the motion & the same was accordingly declared Carried & adopted.

By Ald Flood seconded by Ald Blacker:
Resolved, that we as members of the City Council, desire the election of School Trustees, to take charge of the public free schools of the City, Carried.

A Communication from the City Clerk regarding his salary and duties was here received and read:
It was moved by Ald. Hague and seconded by Ald Blacker:
That the City Clerk in addition to his duties be general Committee Clerk of the various Committees of the Council and receive therefore thirty five dollars additional pay to his present salary, per month.
On which motion the Aldermen voted as follows:
Ald. Hague, "aye." Ald. Schuster, "aye." Ald. Keating, "aye" Ald Blacker "aye," Ald Flood "no."
There being five votes cast four for and one against, the motion was declared duly carried.

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It was moved and seconded that a health Officer be and is hereby appointed at a salary of $75.00 per month. The ayes and nayes being called for, the vote was as follows: Ald. Hague, "aye"; Ald Schuster, "aye"; Ald Keating "aye" Ald. Blacker "aye" Ald. Flood "aye." Five votes all in favor - Motion Carried.
Ald Flood nominated Dr. A. E. Rodgers for the position of Health Officer seconded by Ald. Hague - The Council proceeded to Ballot, and there being five votes cast all for Dr. A. E. Rodgers he was declared duly Elected Health officer of the City.

The Report of the City Clerk of the City's Receipts and Expenditures from July 25th 1880 to April 30th 1882 inclusive, was received and referred to Committee on Finance and C.

The Bond for $2500.00 of City Treasurer A. Krakauer was received and ordered to be referred back to him for correction.
The Bill of H. C. Madden for Hawling patient to Pest House and amounting to $5.00 and of A. E. Rodgers for attending various Pauper & City Patients for $35.00 were received and ordered paid by the following vote, Aldm Hague aye, Ald Schuster aye, Ald Keating aye, Ald Blacker aye Ald Flood aye.
All other Bills presented to the Council were referred to the Committee on Finance & C. to be engrossed when returned by said Committee.
On motion duly seconded the Council then adjourned to Saturday Nov. 4. 1882. at 7 p.m.

Approved
Paul H. Keating
Mayor pro tem.

Attest
S. L. Kahn
City Clerk