To the Honorable Mayor & 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 severing 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. Scallen.

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

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

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

It was moved & seconded that the Council go into Executive session on police Matters. Carried

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

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
D. L. Kahn, City Clerk.

Council Room
El Paso Texas, April 2nd 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 His Honor the Mayor called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll, which resulted as follows.

His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor, absent
Ald. J. O. Hague, 1st Ward, present, Ald. J. Blum, 1st Ward, present
" P. H. Keating 2nd " present, " B. Schuster 2nd " absent
" A. Blacker 3rd " present, " N. G. Flood 3rd " present
City Clerk D. L. Kahn, present, City Atty J. H. Beckler, absent, and Marshal Scallen present.

The City Clerk reported the above result & the acting Mayor announced a Quorum present: when it was moved & seconded to adjourn to April 4 1883 at 3 P. M.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
D. L. Kahn, City Clerk.

Council Room

El Paso Texas April 4th 1883.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment on above date & hour appointed, in the absence of his Honor the Mayor, acting Mayor Keating took the chair & called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll. His Honor Mayor Joseph Magoffin, absent. Ald. J. D. Hague, 1st Ward present. Ald. J. Shum 1st Ward, present. Ald. M. Keating 2d Ward present. Ald. B. Schuster 2d " absent. Ald A. Blacker 3d Ward, present. Ald W. Ford 3d Ward, present. City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present. City Atty J. A. Brackett absent. Mark Marshal Geo Harris, present. The Clerk reported the result of the Roll Call as above & the acting Acting-Mayor announced a Quorum present, & the Council proceeded to the business before it.

× The first business in Order being the Opening & Canvassing of the Returns of the Special Election held March 31st 1883, the Council proceeded to open the Which were as follows:

		For	Against
1st	Ward of City of El Paso, for the levy of ½ of 1%, for maintaining schools for 10 mos. in the year '83 against	76	47
2d	" "	64	47
3	" "	52	0
	Total	144	4

Whereupon the following Resolution was adopted & passed, to wit: It appearing from the returns from the various Ward in the City of El Paso of an Election held therein on the 31st day of March 1883, this day canvassed by the City Council of the City of El Paso to determine the question of the levy of a tax of one half of one per cent on all the taxable property within the City for the purpose of maintaining the Common Schools in said City for ten months in the year, that for said proposition, there were cast One hundred & forty four votes, & against said proposition Eight votes being more than a two third majority of all the votes cast, therefore be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that said proposition be declared to have been carried by the requisite majority to make the levy of said tax legal.

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The Petition of W. L. Harper, asking Position on Police force of the City, received & read & referred to Committee on Revision of Ordinances, Rules, Licens & Police. Also Petition of A. J. Stevens, asking Position on Police force of the City received & read & referred to the same Committee.

The Report of J. B. Gillett, late City Marshal, for his term of Office was received, read & referred to Committee on Revision of Ordinances, Rules & Licenses & Police.

The Lease of Room for use of Fire Department from W. Coffin & Bro to the City of El Paso, received, read & referred to Comm. on Revision of Ordinances &c.

The Bill of Texas & Pacific Ry Co for freight on fire apparatus for $ 170.54/x

was referred to committee on Finance, Claims & accounts.

It was moved & seconded, that the Trustees of El Paso public Schools be requested to communicate with this Board, & that the Council desires to be informed, as to the places, rules, objects & purposes for the money when raised under the levy of one half of one per cent, either in person or in writing at the next meeting of the Council April 7th 1883. Which motion being Carried, the Clerk was instructed accordingly.

It was moved & seconded, that the Mayor be authorized & Empowered to Employ a steward to the fire Department at a Salary not to exceed fifteen ($15.00/7) per month & that the Sum of fifteen ($15.00) dollars per Month be & the same is hereby appropriated monthly to pay the same. Ald. Hague, Blum, Blacker & Keating voting aye The motion was declared Carried to take effect from the 14th day of February 1883. an.

The Communication of Chas. L. Pierce asking for the purchase of a Fire Alarm Bell, by the Council for the use of Fire Department of the City, was on motion duly seconded, laid on table by the following vote, Ald. Hague Blum & Keating aye Ald Blacker no.

The Bill of Clark & Dietz was presented, to wit for Sprinkling of Streets for Month of March 1883 $ 50.00/7 & it was moved & seconded that the same be paid & that the Sum of $ 50.00/7 per month be & the same is hereby appropriated monthly. out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the same account monthly as heretofore passed, & ine.

The Council then went into Executive session

It was moved & seconded that the City Clerk notify M.H. Larrice to send in his resignation as Assessor & Collector of this City by next Saturday April 7th at 3 p.m. Carried

The Council then reopened in regular session & ratified the actions of the Executive session. When,

It was moved & seconded that the Council adjourn to Saturday april 7th 1883 at 3 p.m. Carried.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor.

Attest
O L Kahn
City Clerk.

City Council Room
El Paso Texas April 7th 1883

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment on above date & at appointed hour, in the absence of his Honor the Mayor, Ald. Keating, Mayor pro tem took the Chair & called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll: His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, absent;
Ald. J. Magne, 1st Ward present; Ald J. Blum 1st Ward, present;
" P.H. Keating 2d " present; " B. Schuster 2d " absent;
" A. Blacker 3d " present. " N. F. Flood 3d " absent.
City Clerk J.L. Kahn, present; City Attorney J.A. Bradley present; Asst. Marshal Fountain present.
The Clerk reported the above result, & the acting Mayor announced a Quorum present for the transaction of business.

The following resignation of M. W. Carrico Assessor & Collector was then read:

El Paso Texas April 7th 1883.

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

Gentlemen: I would herewith tender my resignation as City Assessor & Collector, the same to take effect on & after April 14th 1883.

Respectfully. Signed M. W. Carrico

He further states that this time is needed to complete his report.

It was moved & seconded that the resignation of M. W. Carrico Assessor & Collector of this City be accepted, & that the time heretofore fixed be extended to 12 m. April 14th 1883. Carried.

The following communication from the Board of School Trustees was then received & read.

El Paso Texas April 7th 1883

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

We the Board of Trustees of El Paso School District have the honor to state in reply to your communication of the 4th inst., that they deem it important & vital to the public school interests of the City, that the one half of one per cent ad valorem tax should be levied. First, for the purpose of supporting & maintaining of public schools for ten months in the year. Secondly, for the purchase of Lots & Erecting suitable, commodious & convenient buildings, without which, no good system of public can be maintained. Respectfully

Signed A.T. Bassett Prest.
O.C. Bowen Seal. Board of School Trustees

The acting Mayor directs the Clerk to enter a fine of one (100) against J.F. Satterthwaite for talking & disorderly behaviour during the proceedings, which was complied with.

Moved & seconded, that the Council request a conference with the Board of School Trustees, on Monday April 9th 1883 at 7.30 p.m. at Council room for the purpose of considering the subject of levying a School Tax. Carried.

The Petition of Jacob Getz requesting to be appointed City Scavenger to be paid by those for whom he so works, was received & read & referred to special Committee, on Report of City Health Officer, of which Ald. J Blum is chairman.

An Ordinance of the City Council was presented on the exchange of certain Property of Mills & Crosby, in Block 17" & the City, on Public Square, was received & read & refferred to Comm. on Revision of Ordinances, Rules & License & Police.

The following Ordinance was then introduced:
An Ordinance prescribing the width of side walk within the City of El Paso.
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso:
Section 1. That all side walks hereafter to be constructed in the City shall be made in width one fifth of the width of the street upon which such side walk is contemplated constructed & no wider unless special authority to do so be first procured from the City Council.
Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of Ordinances 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.
This Ordinance being put on it's passage was passed unanimously.

Bill of Gist, Eakins & Co for Rent of Jail for January, Febry. & Mch 1883 $45.00
" " Hoffin & Bro for Room for use of Fire Department " 23d to Mch 31" 1883 @ 30 $67.00
" " Dieter & Clark for sprinkling streets during Mch: 1883 $30.00
$142.00

Were by the following vote ordered paid: Ald Hague, Blum, Keating & Blacker "aye".
It was then moved & seconded that the sum of one hundred forty two ($142.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay these Bills, be & the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated, & that the bills of this & for these purposes be hereafter paid monthly. Carried by the following vote Aldermen Hague, Blum Keating & Blacker voting aye:

On motion duly seconded the City Atty was instructed to report an Ordinance fixing the Salary of City Treasurer at $30.00 per month.
The Council then Adjourned to Tuesday April 10" 1883 at 3 p.m.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest
S L Kahn
City Clerk.

Council Room

El Paso Texas April 10th 1883

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment on above date & at appointed hour. In absence of His Honor the Mayor, Ald P. H. Keating, Mayor pro tem. took the Chair & called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll, with this Result: His Honor Mayor Magoffin absent; Ald. J. P. Hague, 1st Ward, present; Ald. J. Blum, 1st Ward, present. " P. H. Keating, 2d " present; " D. Schuster 2d " present. " A. Blacker 3d " present. " M. F. Flood 3d " present. City Clerk D. L. Kahn, City Attorney J. A. Buckler, & Asst Marshal J. N. Westbrook present. The Clerk reported the above Result of the Roll Call & stating Mayor announced a full Council present for the transaction of business

The Petition of Chas. Dowey, for a Position on Police force, refered to Comm on Revision of Rules & Ordinances, Licenses & Police.

+ It was moved by Ald. Blacker & seconded by Ald. Flood, that an advalorem tax of one half one percentum be & the same is hereby levied & ordered Collected upon all property both real & personal, situated in the City of El Paso, subject to taxation on the 1st day of March 1883, for the purpose of maintaining the public free Schools in this the City of El Paso, for as much as ten months in the year of the year 1883

+ This motion was carried unanimously.

Moved & seconded that the motion passed April 7th 1883 by this Council fixing Salary of City Treasurer at $50.00 per month be reconsidered, Ald Hague, Blum, Keating, & Schuster voting no. Ald. Blacker Flood aye. & the motion to reconsider was declared lost.

The following is the Ordinance as passed April 7th 1883.

An Ordinance, providing for & fixing a Salary for the City treasurer.

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

Section 1. That the Office of City treasurer be & the same is hereby made a Salaried Office, & that from & after this date the Salary of said office be fixed at the sum of fifty Dollars per month payable at the End of each month, in the same manner that the salaries of other Officers are paid

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in force from & after its passage & approval by the mayor.

The following Ordinance was then introduced:

+ An Ordinance of the City of El Paso levying a school tax in & for the El Paso School District for the fiscal year ending February 29th 1884

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

Section 1. That a tax of one half of one per Cent on all the taxable property within the City of El Paso be & the same is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending February 29th 1884 for the support & main-

tainance of public free schools in the City of El Paso for the period of ten months in the year.

Section 2. That said tax be collected and paid over to the City Treasurer in the same manner as other taxes are required by law to be collected, & it is hereby made the duty of the City Treasurer to receive the said taxes when collected & to keep the same safe & to pay it out as required by the Ordinances of the City for which he shall be responsible on his official bond.

Section 3 All moneys received by the City Treasurer from taxes levied for School purposes shall be allways kept separate from all other moneys that may come into his hands as treasurer.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall go into effect & be in force from & after its passage & approval by the Mayor

This Ordinance was upon motion duly seconded adopted & passed.

The Council then adjourned.

Attest
D L Kahn
City Clerk.

Approved
Wyatt Hedgpeth
Mayor

Council Room

El Paso Texas April 14th 1883

The City Council met for its regular session on date & at appointed hour. His Honor the Mayor in the Chair, who called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll: Mayor Wyatt Hedgpeth present; Ald. J. F. Hague, 1st Ward, present; Ald L Blum 1st Ward present " P. H. Keating 2d " , absent. " A. Schuster 2d " , absent; " A. Blacker 3d " present; " H. F. Flood 3d " present; City Clerk D.L. Kahn, present. City Attorney J. A. Buchler, present, asst Marshal Jones not present.

The Clerk reported the above result & the Mayor announced a Quorum present for the transaction of business.

It was moved & seconded, that the Rules be suspended, in order to take up resignation M. H. Carrico as assessor & Collector & make a settlement with him for Labor performed, on which motion the Aldermen voted as follows: Ald: Hague, Blum Blacker & Flood aye. Four votes cast all in favor of motion & the Rules were suspended accordingly.

The following was then handed in purporting to be the final Report of M. H. Carrico, assessor & Collector resigned from date of last, report, (This figures are the Collectors & do not balance, nor are they correct to date (Kahn Clerk)). to wit:

Assessor & Collectors report of Taxes collected a/c. assessment rolls for 82, Delinquent Rolls for 81, Unassessed for 81 & Delinquent for 82, together with Poll Tax for 82 & Delinquents for 81. Also Occupation Taxes from Stubs #373. to #582 inclusive, & Dog Tax from March 28- 1882.

Ad Valorem Tax as per assessment Rolls for 1882-	5384	91	Amt. Collected a/c assessment Rolls for 1882	5283	40
" " " unassessed " " 1881	6	75	" " " Delinquent " " 1881	16	25
" " " Delinquent " " 1881	17	50	" " " Unassessed " " 1881	6	75
" " " " " " 1882	122	08	" " " Delinquents " " 1882	33	22
			Total Ad Valorem Tax collected	5339	62
			" " a/c Poll Tax as per assessment Rolls 82. 141.00		
			" " " " " " Delinquent " 82 7.00		
			" " " " " " " " 81 2.00		
			Total Poll Tax collected	150	00
			Amt collected as shown by stubs	5489	62
			Balance uncollected	307	62
	5797	24		5797	24
Occupation Tax as per stubs #373 to #583 incl.	5709	10	Treasurers Receipt occupation. to March	5224	10
" " J. J. Cheatham Marshal	100	00			
" " C. Jenni " "	15	00			
	5724	10		5224	10
Dog Tax 73 Checks	146	00	Treasurers Receipt a/c Dog #36.	146	00

N. B. The parties to whom no receipt were given left town, in the first instance, the money was for Saloon License, which was $150.00 & the receipt was not given, because balance was not paid. Other was not called for & party left town. Signed W. W. Carnes City Assr & Coll't.

It was moved & seconded that this Report & the matter of Compensation be referred to Comm. on Finance & C. Carried

The following message was then received from the Acting Mayor

To the Honorable City Council of the City of El Paso:

Gentlemen! I herewith have the honor to return to you without my signature an Ordinance providing for & fixing a Salary for the City Treasurer passed April 7th 1883, & before you for reconsideration on April 10th 1883, for these reasons:

My attention being drawn by the City Attorney to the provisions of our Charter fixing the Compensation of the treasurer not to exceed two per cent for all moneys received by him & that a fixed salary would be in violation of said provision. Now Sec. 98 of the City's Charter the last Clause reads: "& for his (the City Treasurers) services shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the City Council not to exceed two per cent, on all money that may come into his hands by virtue of his office. It may appear, that the sum of fifty Dollars fixed by this Ordinance as a salary of said officer may not be in excess of the stipulated 2% fixed by the Charter, it would nevertheless be in contradiction of the letter of the provision, which undoubtedly fixes a per centage on the money received by him, a matter to be only ascertained after & not before the fact. That this is the case I only have to call

your attention to the fact, that where by the Charter a salary is intended to be paid to an officer of the City the word "salary" is used but where no such provision is made, & as in this case a per centage is intended it is so especially provided. The Ordinance being therefore in violation of section 78 of the Charter for that reason I have to return said Ordinance without my approval O. Will Law in favor of paying all our officers a just compensation for their services & recognizes the fact that our City Treasurer deserves as much as any other Officer to receive such compensation as the Law provides, & recognizing the justness of his receiving such recognition at your hands as are within the provisions of the Charter & the power it confers I would suggest an ordinance to be passed that will be in compliance with the Section quoted. Given under my Hand & this twelfth day of April 1883.

Signed Paul H Keating Mayor pro tem.

Ald. Hague called up from the table the 5th line of street Railway for which franchise had been heretofore asked by the El Dorado Street Railway Company - & moved that the same be granted, On motion duly seconded the same was referred to the Committee of the Whole Council to be taken up Forthwith.

It was moved & seconded that the reading of minutes be dispensed with. Carried

Alderman P. H. Keating came in & took his seat.

It was moved & seconded that the Ordinance providing for & fixing a Salary for the City Treasurer - be passed notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor pro tem - On which the vote was as follows. Ald Hague "aye" Ald Blume "aye" Ald. Keating "aye" Ald Schuster "absent. Ald. Blasher "no" Ald Flood "aye" Five (5) Votes each of which four (4) are for & one (1) against the motion & the same was declared carried - & the Ordinance passed over the veto.

It was moved & seconded that the Ordinance just passed over the acting Mayors veto be repealed & that an ordinance be presented by the City Attorney fixing the City Treasurers Compensation at 7% on all money received by him except School fund, on which he shall receive 1%.
Ald Schuster here came in & took his seat.
The Aldermen voted as follows on the last motion. Aldermen Hague, Blume, Keating, Schuster, Blasher, & Flood voting "aye" being Six (6) Votes each all in favor of the motion the same was declared carried & Ordinance repealed.

The following Ordinance was then presented by the City Attorney & introduced & read:

An Ordinance of the City of El Paso Texas, fixing the Compensation of the Treasurer of the City of El Paso

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso

Section 1. That the compensation of the Treasurer of the City of El Paso from & after the seventh day of April 1883, shall be two per centum on all moneys received him on account of all funds of the City of El Paso, except Public School fund & one per centum, on all money received by him on account of said public school fund.

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

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

It was moved & seconded that this Ordinance be passed, Carried.

It was moved & seconded that the Council now proceed to Elect City Officers to fill Vacancies Carried

It was moved & seconded, that the Council proceed with the Election of Marshal to fill vacancy caused by resignation of J.B. Gillett, Carried

The Council proceeded to ballott for Marshal. The Votes being counted & Frank Manning having received four (4) Votes & J. H. Comstock two (2) Votes. of all the Votes cast Frank Manning was declared elected Marshal

It was moved & seconded that the Council proceed to Elect an assessor & Collector, Carried, & the Council proceeded to ballott for assessor & Collector previous to which the application of H. B McLachlen asking the appointment to said position & filing Petition signed by numerous Citizens recommending him for said place were read & ordered filed. The Votes being all cast & an being counted were as follows: H. B. McLachlen three (3) votes & J. A. Ashford three (3) Votes for assessor & Collector & the Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of J. A. Ashford & the same was declared Elected to fill vacancy caused by resignation of M. W. Carnes.

It was moved & that two more policemen be appointed, Carried by the following vote. Aed. Hague, Glenn, Keating, Schuster & Blacker, aye Flood no. The Council proceeded then to ballot for Policemen. Chas. Gallagher having received (3) three, Thos. Moad two (2) & D. Jeffries one (1) Vote, another Ballot was ordered & resulted as follows: Chas Gallagher Six (6) votes - & he was declared Elected. The next ballot being for the second Policeman to be appointed Thos. Moad received Three (3) & D. Jeffries three votes & the Mayor casting his Vote in favor of Thos Moad he was declared Elected The Council then adjourned.

Approved

Attest P. C. Kahn City Clerk

Mayor

Council Room

El Paso Texas April 26th 1883

The Council met pursuant to the following Call

Mayors Office El Paso Texas,

By virtue of the power in me vested I hereby convene you in special session this Thursday April 26th 1883 at 3 p. m. for the purpose of considering the Ordinance & deed relating to Transfer of certain Real Estate between the City & Mills & Crosby. Given under my hand & the Seal of the City this 26th April 1883

Attest S. H. Kahn Clerk — Signed Joseph Magoffin, Mayor

To Hon. City Council, El Paso

The Mayor called the Council to order & after having the above call read directed the Clerk to call the Roll which resulted as follows: Hon. Jos. Magoffin Mayor present; Ald. J. P. Hagne 1st Ward, present; Ald. I. Blum 1st Ward absent; " P. M. Keating 2d " present; " B. Schuster 2d " present; " A. Blasker 3d " present; " N. F. Flood 3d " present; City Clerk S. H. Kahn present, City Atty. J. A. Buckler present, Marshal F. Manning present. The Clerk reported the Result as above, & the Mayor announced a Quorum present.

The following being the Resolution introduced April 7th 1883, was then called up read & put on its passage, to wit:

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Paso conveying an Exchange of certain property between the City of El Paso & J. P. Crosby and Anson Mills.

Whereas the Petition of Messrs Anson Mills & J. P. Crosby filed before this Council praying for an Exchange of certain property belonging to them for certain other property belonging to the City of El Paso. Therefore Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso:

That the City hereby accepts the dedication of the following described piece of Ground from Messrs. Anson Mills & J. P. Crosby to be & Compose a part of St Louis Street to wit: Beginning at the south east corner of the old Gillock building thence running in a Westerly direction parallel with St Louis Street 88 feet & three inches to the main wall of the Central Hotel building; thence in a northerly direction along the wall of said building 8 feet, thence in an easterly direction parallel with St. Louis Street 88 feet & three inches thence in a southerly direction Eight feet to the place of beginning, containing 723.1 square feet. & in lieu of said ground so dedicated the City of El Paso hereby releases & relinquishes unto the said Mills & Crosby their heirs & assigns forever the following described real estate heretofore lying between the west Margin of Oregon and said Gillock Building to wit: Beginning at a point on

the outer edge of the Wall of said building Eight feet from its South East corner, thence in an Easterly direction parralel with St Louis street 27 feet & two inches, thence northerly on the West line of Oregon street 54 feet & eight inches striking the corner of said Gillock building, thence in a southerly direction along the outer wall of said building to the place of beginning containing 745.3 square feet. said ground hereby accepted from said Mills & Crosby being indicated in red on the map filed with their said petition & the park hereby surrendered to them being indicated in blue on said map.

Be it further resolved, that the said Mills & Crosby be required to make to the City & deliver to the City Clerk a good & sufficient deed releasing all claim right or title they may have to the said piece of ground dedicated, to the City for and as a park of St. Louis street. & the Mayor is hereby directed to Execute & deliver to said Mills & Crosby a deed releasing & relinquishing unto them their heirs & assigns forever all right title claim or interest the City may have in & to said ground hereby released unto them.

This resolution being seconded was put on its passage & the vote being as follows: Aldermen Hague, Keating, Schuster, Blacker & Flood voting aye, & it was declared passed.

The Council then adjourned

Attest
S. L. Kahn
City Clerk.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Council Room
El Paso Texas April 28th 1883

The City Council met for its regular meeting on above date & at appointed hour, His Honor the Mayor called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll, which was as follows. His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor, present. Ald J. P. Hague 1st Ward, present. Ald. L. Blum 1st Ward, present, " P. H. Keating 2d Ward present, " D. Schuster 2d " present. " A. Blacker 3d " present, " N. F. Flood 3d " present. City Clerk S. L. Kahn, present, City Atty. J. A. Buckler present, Marshal P. Manning present. The Clerk reported the above result & the Mayor announced a full Council present.

On Motion, seconded the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

A. Petition of Galveston Harrisburg Railway Co. praying for additional Right of way through Main & San Francisco streets & for permission to lay two more tracks through said streets & also for permission to close up certain parts of alleys in Blocks 9 & 10 Mills Map, was received & read, & on motion duly seconded, referred to a special Committee & the Mayor appointed. Messrs Blum, Hague & Blacker said Committee.

It was moved & seconded that this Committee, report at next meeting of the Council carried.

The Petition of S. H. Wilson, praying to be appointed on the police force of the City was received, read & referred to Committee on Revision of Ordinances & Rules, Licenses & Police.

Petition of Geo. A. Speck, praying that the unexpired amount of his occupation Tax - from April 1st 1883. on, be refunded to him referred to same forum.

A communication from E. Kay - proposing to grade El Paso street in front of 70 feet between Block 34. & Lot 181 Mills Map was by this vote Ald. Hague, Blum, Keating, Schuster & Shuster voting aye (5) Ald Flood - no (1) referred to Committee on streets, Grades & Public Improvements.

moved & seconded, that El Paso street be graded from South west corner of Overland Building to Magoffinville acequia, on which the vote was as follows: Ald Hague, Blum, Keating, Schuster & Blasted, "aye." Flood no - carried.

Moved & seconded, that the sum of five (5) Dollars be appropriated to grade El Paso street from S. W. Corner of Overland building to Magoffinville acequia - The Aldermen voted as follows - Ald Hague, Blum, Keating & Flood no. Blasted & Schuster aye Carried.

An Ordinance defining the fire Limits of the City, &c was introduced & referred to Committee on Revision of Ordinances & Rules, Licenses & Police.

A Requisition from Chas. L. Pierce for supplies & apparatus for fire department was received & read & referred to Committee on Fire & matter with authority to make such purchases for fire department as in their judgement may be necessary

A Communication from A. C. Savage, on Bridge across acequia on San Antonio near Myrtle Street, was read, also one enclosed from this Dep uty U. N. Marshall on same matter. No action had.

By unanimous Consent the following petition was received & read, to wit:

El Paso Texas April 28th 1883.

To the Mayor & Councilmen City of El Paso

Gentlemen: In the matter of the Ordinance passed by your body on the 26th instant adjusting the boundaries between the property of the undersigned & St Louis & Oregon streets; it has been proposed by Mr John Sayre, his wife & Mrs Robinson the owners of the Central Hotel property in order to further widen Saint Louis Street, that provided the City will cede to them a small piece of the open public area, contained between a line drawn from the corner of their property, at the mouth of the six foot alley between no 6 the inner corner of their Hotel building under the portal next to the "Green Room" & that the undersigned cede to the City - to become a part of St Louis Street, fifteen feet off of the Entire south front of our property, ninety feet.

they will convey to us a like number of sq ware feet, that is fifteen feet of their property next to & adjoining our north front along its entire front ninety feet. This proposition is agreeable to us provided each conveyance is made conditional upon the other two. We have therefore to petition your honorable body that should Mr Tays, his wife & Mrs Rohman join us in our prayer, that the Council at its meeting this p.m. pass an Ordinance accomplishing the whole transaction as the state of our contracts with the builders will not admit of any delay beyond to day. Map attached with City Surveyors certificate & made a part of this petition Signed Anson Mills, J. F. Crosby (By Mills)

We the undersigned J. B. Tays his wife & Mrs. Rohman join in the above petition & agree to all the terms & conditions expressed therein; provided, that the City will further relinquish to us their title to that portion of the portal now occupied by us as part of the Central Hotel property & lying west of the diagonal line above referred to:

Signed J. B. Tays, Amelia Tays, Maria Rohman by J. B. Tays.

It was moved & seconded that the prayer of this petition be granted, Ald Hague aye Ald Blum aye, Ald Keating absent, ald Schuster aye, Blasker aye, Flood no - four (4) for & one (1) against the motion & the same was declared carried.

It was moved & seconded, that the Claim of M. H. Carrico be taken from Committee on Finance &C in order to acted on by this Council, Ald Hague aye ald Blum aye Ald Schuster aye, ald Blasker aye, ald Flood aye & the motion was declared carried

moved & seconded that 2½ pro cent be allowed to M. H. Carrico on the taxes accruing from the assessment for 1883. made by him. Ald. Hague, Blum, Keating, Schuster & Blasker voting "aye" Ald Flood no - five (5) for & one (1) against the Motion & the same was declared carried

It was moved & seconded that M. H. Carrico receive one hundred ($100.00) Dollars for his work on the Plat book of the City, Ald. Hague, Blum, Keating Schuster & Blasker aye. Flood - no. four (4) to one (1) against the motion & the same was declared carried.

Moved & seconded that Bills of Buchanan & Curtius & A. C. Savage on account of bridge across acequia on San Antonio street be paid - Lost by the following vote - Ald. Hague Blum, Keating & Flood no - four (4) & Schuster & Blasker aye two (2). -

Ald. Hague called up the franchise of their 5th line of Road to El Paso & Railways. but gave way to the introduction of the following Ordinance, to wit:

An Ordinance of the City of El Paso providing for the widening of St Louis Street and for an exchange of certain property with Messrs. Anson Mills and J. F. Crosby and ceding certain other pieces of property to Maria Rohman John B. Tays and Amelia Tays.

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

Sec 1- That upon the written petition of Messrs. Anson Mills, Josiah J. Crosby acquiesced in and agreed to in writing by Mrs Maria Rohman John B. Jays and Amelia Jays, filed before this council accompanied by a map showing the various lines and pieces of property herein after referred to, the City of El Paso hereby releases all right title and claims it has in and to the following pieces of property heretofore comprising a part of the Little Plaza and San Francisco Street, towit, beginning at a point the corner of the Central Hotel property at the mouth of a six feet alley between said hotel property and the Gilbert property on the Little Plaza, as shown and marked on said map "a", thence running in a southerly direction eight feet at a point marked on said map, "b," thence in a straight line to the south east corner of the main building of the Central Hotel marked on said map "c", thence along the main wall of said hotel building forty two feet to a point marked on said map "d", thence in an easterly direction to the place of beginning as indicated by the line running from "d" to "a" as shown on said map, containing 631 square feet, and also the following described property heretofore comprising a part of the Little Plaza, towit, beginning at the south east corner of said Central Hotel property at "c" as shown on said map and running thence northwesterly along the main wall of said hotel building to the wall of the building belonging to Ochoa, there as shown on said map at "e" and running thence southerly with said wall 14 feet and 5/10 to a point as indicated on said map at "f" thence in an easterly direction to "g" as shown on said map, thence from "g" to "c" the place of beginning, to said Maria Rohman, John B. Jays and Amelia Jays, which concession of said property is made in consideration of the conveyance and transfers of the following described property by said Rohman, John B and Amelia Jays to said Anson Mills and J. J. Crosby, towit, Beginning at "h" as shown on said map, a point on the west margin of Oregon Street, the north east corner of the old Gilbert lot, thence at right angles with Oregon Street 60 feet to the east margin of the ten foot alley between said Gilbert property and Central hotel property, at "i" on said map, thence northerly parallel with Oregon Street along said alley 15 feet at "j" on said map, thence easterly at right angles with Oregon Street to the next margin thereof 60 feet at "k" as shown on said map, thence along the west margin of said Oregon Street 15 feet to place of beginning, containing 900 square feet, and also the following described property, towit, beginning at the north west corner of the Gilbert property on the six foot alley at a point marked "R" on said map, in a southerly direction along said alley 15 feet to "S", thence in an easterly direction at right angles with Oregon Street thirty feet to "T" on said map, thence in a northerly direction parallel with Oregon Street 15 feet to "U" as shown on said map, thence in a westerly direction at right angles with Oregon

Street 30 feet to the place of beginning, containing 450 square feet; and the City of El Paso hereby releases and relinquishes unto said Mills and Crosby their heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, claim and interest which the city has in and to the following piece of property heretofore composing a part of Oregon Street and thus described, towit, beginning at "L" on said map, on the west side of Oregon Street extending thence running westerly about 19 feet to "M" on said map, the old line of the Gilbert lot, thence running northeasterly with said old lot to "N" on said map to a point in the west margin of Oregon Street, thence with said west line of Oregon Street extending to "L" the place of beginning, containing $381\frac{22}{100}$ square feet, and the said City hereby accepts the dedication proposed and offered to be made by said Mills and Crosby in said petition filed before this council of the following property, towit, beginning at the point "M" as shown on said map, running thence at right angles with Oregon Street to "O" on said map, at a point in the west margin of said six foot alley, thence with the said west margin of said alley southerly 23 feet to "P", thence easterly with the south line of the old Gilbert lot, to the south east corner thereof at a point as shown on said map at "P", thence northeasterly with the east line of said old Gilbert lot to "N" the place of beginning.

Sec 2— That by and with the consent of said Anson Mills and J. F. Crosby given before this council, the ordinance passed by this council on the 26th day of April 1883, providing for the exchange of certain property between the City and said Mills and Crosby, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec 3— The said Mills and Crosby shall make and execute to the City of El Paso, a deed conveying to the city all right, title, claim and interest they have in and to said property dedicated the city, to be and become a part of St Louis Street, which deed they shall deliver to the City Clerk to be by him filed and kept as a part of the public records of said city, and the mayor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make execute and deliver to said Mills and Crosby a deed, quitclaiming to said Mills and Crosby all the right, title, claim, and interest, which the city has to the property hereby released and relinquished to them, and he is also hereby directed, empowered and authorized to make and deliver a similar deed to said Maria Rohman, John B Jago and Amelia Jago, conveying all the right, title and interest which the city has in and to the property, hereby released to them.

Sec 4— This ordinance shall go into effect and be in force from and after its passage, and approval by the Mayor.

It was moved and seconded that the above ordinance be now passed; On which motion the aldermen voted as follows: Ayes, Hague Blum, Keating, Schuster & Blacker; Noes, Flood — 5 Ayes 1 No, and the

ordinance was passed accordingly.

The bill of M W. Carrico for $1.25 for postage stamps ordered paid.

The following bills were then presented and referred to the Committee on Finance:

El Paso Times Printing Co.	for advertising Election for school tax levy & Election Dockets	90.25
Texas & Pacific Ruy.	for part transportation of fire apparatus	170.54
M. W. Carrico -	Express chgs. on Blk Books and Blanks	8.40
P. W. Keating.	(Hauling Patient to Pest House) Cash	1.00
J. H. Comstock	fees for prisoners worked on streets	56.00
W. P. Rayner	" " " " " "	26.00
Ed. H. Scotten	" " " " " "	12.00
W. H. Wheat	" " " " " "	2.00
H. Walton	" " " " " "	16.00
John Evans	" " " " " "	2.00
Geo. Harris	" " " " " "	8.00
Jas. B. Gillett	" " " " " "	36.00
O. L. Kahn, Mayor & Clerk	" " " " " "	190.00
G. D. Barnard & Co, St Louis.	for Plat Book & Blanks	44.35
Chas Kline,	Repairing fire apparatus	25.10
W. A. Irwin & Co.		1.10

The council then adjourned till Monday April 30th 1883.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest

City Clerk.

Council Room.
El Paso Tex. April 30th 1883.

The council met pursuant to adjournment on above date and at appointed hour, His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor & Chairman who called the council to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor, present, Ald. J. P. Hague 1st Ward absent; Ald I. Blum, 1st Ward present. " P. W. Keating 2d " present; " B. Schuster 2d " present " A. Blacker 3d " absent; " N. T. Flood 3d " present. City Clerk O. L. Kahn present, City Attorney. J. B. Buckler, absent, City Marshall Frank Manning present. The clerk reported the above result and the Mayor declared a quorum present for the transaction of business.

Special Committee on petition of G. H. & S. A. Railway was granted further time.

The franchise of El Paso Street Railway Co. for their fifth line was called up and it was moved and seconded that the same be deferred to the next meeting, the Ayes and Noes being called for on this motion, the vote was as follows: Ald. Blum, Keating and Schuster Aye, Flood, No, being three for and one against the motion the same was declared carried.

A Communication from J. F. Satterthwaite, Street Commissioner, stating that St. Louis and Utah Streets from Oregon Street to Stanton Street and to the railroad could be filled up with the dirt taken out of certain excavations, and recommending that these streets be so filled and surfaced with gravel. It was moved and seconded that St Louis and Utah Street be graded as asked for, provided the property holders pay two-thirds and the City one-third of the appropriation asked for of $150.00 and entire expense not to exceed $150.00. The Yeas and Nays being called, the vote was as follows: Ald. Blum, Keating, and Schuster, aye, Flood, no, being three for and one against, the motion was declared carried.

A communication from J. F. Satterthwaite, in relation to the military burial ground and removal of same from North El Paso and Franklin Streets was referred to the Com. on Health.

The following bond of J. A. Ashford, City Assessor and Collector and his official oath were presented and approved, to-wit:

State of Texas }
County of El Paso }

Know all men by these presents that we, James A. Ashford, as principal and James Marr, Ben Schuster & W. E. Kneeland as Sureties are held and firmly bound unto the Mayor of the City of El Paso and unto his successors in office, in the sum of Twenty Five Hundred dollars ($2500.00) for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors or administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. The condition of this obligation is such, that whereas the above bound James A. Ashford has been elected by the Mayor and board of Aldermen of the City of El Paso, Assessor and Collector of the said City of El Paso, now if he the said James A. Ashford, shall well and truly performs all the duties incumbent on him under said election, and pay over and account for all monies that may come into his hands, as said Assessor and Collector, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full

force and effect. Witness our hands this the 17th day of April 1883.
(Signed) James Mann (Signed) James A. Ashford
" Ben Schuster ~~etc~~ " W. E. Kreeland.

A communication from City Assessor and Collector James A. Ashford asking that A. G. Foster be appointed his Deputy Assessor and Collector was read and ordered to be filed.

Verbal charges were preferred by F. Manning City Marshal, against George Harris, Assistant Marshal, which were referred to the Committee on the Revision of Ordinances and Rules, License and Police.

It was moved and seconded that Police Officers Thomas Mead, and Charles Galliger shall receive for their services as such officers the sum of seventy five dollars per month, to be paid as other salaries are paid and that the sum of seventy five dollars per month be and the same is hereby appropriated ~~out of~~ any money in the city treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying each of these officers their monthly salary which was carried.

The following was then received, read and ordered filed:
Room of Board of Trustees El Paso, Texas, April 24, 1883.
To the Hon. Mayor and Common of El Paso City, El Paso, Co. Texas.
Please pay to John Dougher, Treasurer of School Board such money or moneys as may be now collected from Poll Tax.
(Signed) O. T. Bassett.
Chairman of Board of Trustees.
(Signed) J. A. McKinney
Sec Board of Trustees pro.tem.

The council then adjourned to May 5th 1883.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Attest

City Clerk.

City Council Room.
El Paso, Tex. May 5th 1883.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment on above date and at appointed time, His Honor, Joseph Magoffin, Mayor in the Chair who called the council to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll which resulted as follows: His Honor, Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, present.