Council Room April 4th 1884

Regular meeting of the City Council above day and date the Mayor in the Chair. Called the Council to order and directed the Roll called. The following members present. Aldermen. Dougher. Schuster. Mitchell. Buchanan & Bossett. Marshal Boring present.

Minutes of preceding meetings read and adopted.

Petition of W H Wheate asking to be appointed Special Policeman read. and on Motion duly seconded. W H Wheate was appointed Special Police without pay from the City.

Communication from the Board of School Trustees signed by O O Irvin Secty. was presented and read. asking that an election be held to fill vacancies in the Board by the resignation of Messrs Tibbits and Andrews.

Moved and seconded. That the Mayor issue Proclamation for an election to fill said vacancies. Carried.

Petition of Will J Fewel, asking the privilege of laying a switch from the A T & S F Rwy tract to the Coal House of the El Paso. Gas and Coal Co. was presented.

Moved and Seconded. That petition be granted provided. Applicants file in the Mayors Office written consent of parties owning property along the line of said proposed switch. Carried.

The following report of the Comee upon the communication from the Fire Dept. was read-viz.

Your Comee on Fire and Water would most respectfully recommend that the action of Chief L H Maxwell in disbanding and reorganizing Hose Co No 1. be endorsed and recommend the appointment of M J Kohlberg. Foreman. J F Brink Asst Foreman be confirmed And further recommend that the said Co occupy the Head Quarters and that the building formerly occupied by them be turn over to the owner. as the City will have no further use for it. and that rent cease from this date. It is the opinion of your Comee that the present Bell Tower. can be so arranged as to answer the purpose for washing and

drying the hose, and the Chief be authorized to have the changes made. and that also permission be granted the Department to parade on the date prayed for.

(Signed) H H Mitchell
" B Schuster
" O F Bossett

Moved and Seconded that the report of the Comm upon the Communication of the Fire Dept be adopted the expenditures for changing the Bell Tower not to exceed fifteen dollars. Carried.

Communication of Mr Chs L Pierce in reference the instruments belonging to the City Bond was presented.

Moved and Seconded that the same be referred to Comm on Fire and Water - Carried.

Communication of the City Physician in reference to the Milk question presented. and on motion carried the same was referred to the Comm on Health with instructions that they suggest rules governing the same.

The following Ordinance presented and read.

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

That whereas a mistake was made in opening and extending certain Streets running through and across the reservation known as the Water Works reservation in Alexanders Addition to the City and whereas said reservation is private property and was at the time of the dedication of the several Streets and Alleys to the City.

Therefore be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso. that all Streets running through or across said reservation as they appear upon the map of said edition be closed. the City not claiming any right on account of said map.

2 That this Ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Moved & Seconded that the above ordinance be adopted Carried. All members voting in favor thereof./

Accounts against the City to the amt of $717 00 were presented. and on motion carried were referred to Comm on Finance

Moved and Seconded. That the Public Printing be awarded to the Times Publishing Co. according to their bid of March 14th 1884, Carried

by the following vote. Daughn. Mitchell. Schuster
aye. Bassett, Buchanan no.
The matter of removing obstructions from St Louis
St. referred to Comm on Street Grades &c.
Council adjourned to Monday the 7th Apl 1884
at 7 o'clock P.M.

Attest — Joseph Magoffin
O B Beall — Mayor
City Clk.

Council Room April 7th 1884

Council met pursuant to adjournment above day and date, the Mayor called the Council to order and directed the Roll called, the following members present. Hd. Schuster Mitchell Bassett & Buchanan Marshal Boring.
Will J Fewell in compliance with instructions of City Council, filed a written permission of Mr Crosby the only owner of real estate ~~owner of~~ ~~property~~ through which his proposed switch is to pass from the A T & S F. Ruy to the Coal House of the El Paso Gas and Coke Co.
The following Veto of the Mayor of the Motion awarding the Public Printing ~~of~~ to the Times Pub Co was presented - viz.

El Paso April 7th 1884

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

Gentn

On the 5th inst it being Regular term, your Hon: Body saw fit to award the City Printing to the El Paso Times - The Herald Pub Co having declined to accept the printing for the City as tendered by your Honorable body - I wish simply to call your attention to the fact that at your Regular term March 14th there were three bids for the City printing the Herald being the lowest and the Times the highest that such bids are of record in the City records and that of the Lone Star has been passed over without notice or action upon your part. I beg respectfully

to state that such action upon your part is unbusinesslike and prejudicial to Public Policy and in my opinion should be reconsidered. and for the reason that you may reconsider it, I interpose my veto, It was not my purpose to bring up this subject now. but as it is an imperative necessity that the City printing should be given out at an early day as possible, I take this occasion to bring it to your notice that it may be definitely settled.

Very Respectfully

(Signed) Joseph Magoffin

Mayor

The same was laid over until next meeting.
Moved and Seconded. that the action of the Council at its last meeting authorizing the Mayor to call and election for the purpose of electing two members to fill vacancies on the Board of School Trustees be reconsidered, Carried.
Moved & Seconded that under advice of the City attorney the Council proceed at its next regular meeting to appoint two members upon the Board of School Trustees - Carried -
Council Adjourned.

Attest

O B Beall

City Clerk.

Joseph Magoffin

Mayor

Council Room Apl 8th 1884

Council met pursuant to the following request

To the Hon Mayor of
the City of El Paso.

As several members of the City Council cannot be present for next Friday's meeting. We therefore respectfully ask that your Hon. call a meeting for this morning 10 O'clk for the purpose of considering the veto given by you in regard of letting the printing of the City. this Apl 8th 1884

Very Respectfully.

Signed Ben Schuster
Jno Dougher
H H Mitchell

The Mayor in the Chair called the Council to order and directed the roll called. The following members present Ald. Dougher. Dieter Schuster and Mitchell Marshal Boring present.
The veto of the Mayor to the Resolution awarding the Pub printing to the Times was read -
Moved and seconded that the public printing be awarded to the Times Pub Co. Carried.
Moved and seconded that S C Slade proprietor of the Times Pub Co. be required to give an bond in the sum of $250.00 for the faithful performance of his contract with the City, Carried.
Alderman Dieter gave notice that he would present at next meeting an Ordinance to prohibit the burning of bricks within the City limits
Council adjourned.

Attest
O B Beall
City Clerk.

Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Council Room April 17th 1884

Council met above day and date pursuant to the following request.
To the Hon. the Mayor of the
City of El Paso Texas. Hon Joseph Magoffin
We the undersigned hereby request you to call a special meeting of the City Council at 10 o'clock A M this day for the purpose of electing two School Trustees for the City of El Paso. as the matter is of vital importance,

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) Benj Schuster
Jos Dougher
S H Buchanan.

El Paso April 17/1884.
The Mayor in the Chair directed the roll called. The following members present Ald. Dougher. Dieter. Schuster. Mitchell Bassett and Buchanan. Marshal Boring.
Moved and Carried. that the Mayor nominate persons to fill vacancies in the

Board of School Trustees.
The Mayor placed in nomination the name of C R Morehead to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Tibbets.
Moved & seconded that the nomination of the Mayor be confirmed. Carried.
Moved that the vote upon the nomination of C R Morehead be reconsidered. That the Council may proceed to elect by ballott. Carried. by the following vote. Dougher aye. Dieter no Schuster aye. Mitchell aye Buchanan aye Bossett aye.
Moved & seconded that the Council proceed to elect by ballott a member to fill the vacancy upon the School Board caused by the resignation of Mr Tibbets, carried.
The ballott was spread. and C R Morehead receiving six votes. was declared duly elected to fill said vacancy.
Moved & seconded. that the Council proceed to elect by ballott a member to fill the vacancy upon the School Board caused by the resignation of Mr Andrews. carried.
The ballott was spread, and H S Hills receiving 3 votes and Chs Merrick receiving four votes including the mayor. Chs Merrick having received a majority of the votes cast was declared duly elected to fill said vacancy.
Council adjourned.
Attest
O B Beall
City Clerk.

Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

read

Council Room April 18th 1881

Regular meeting of the Council above day and date. The Mayor in the Chair. directed the Roll called. the following members present. Ald. Dieter. Schuster. Mitchell. Bassett and Buchanan. Marshal Boring.

Minutes of preceding meetings read and adopted.

The Comee on Fire and Water report as follows upon the Communication of Chs L Pierce in reference to the instruments belonging to the City Band - Your Comee would most respectfully recommend that the request be granted and that the Chief of Fire Department have exclusive control of said instruments.

Moved and Seconded that the recommendation of the Comee be carried out. carried -

Moved and Seconded that all claims in the hands of the Clerk be refered to Comee on Finance for immediate action. carried.

The following claims were reported upon favorably by the Comee.

Joseph Magoffin.	Removing sick man to Hospital	2
" "	A T & S. F. Rwy. order Council	2250
" "	Wood for Hospital	250.
Geo Roberson	articles furnished Engineer Dept	150
" "	Work on Jail Door.	500
C M Powell	work on Record of Ordinance	1650
R H Arther	" Engineer Dept	525
S Bullock	" " "	350
Palace Drug Store	City Hospital.	1525
Geo Rand.	Removal McCoy to Pest House	3
Geo D Bernard & Co	Asser & Collector Dept	13
Stuart and Shipman.	City Hospital	1392
D Haas	Jay on Feby acct Hospital	2675
" "	March " "	2350
Total Accts.		$154.17

Moved and Seconded. that the sum of $154.17 be appropriated to pay above accts. Carried.

An ordinance on the Government of the police read and same on motion Carried was refered to Comee on Police.

The following Ordinance read. viz.

Whereas the City of El Paso has divers suits pending in the District Court

of El Paso involving vital questions. to wit: No 430. S C Slade & wife vs the City. No 429 Willard F Patterson vs the City of El Paso. No 431. Elonie Patten vs the City of El Paso. No 400 Jno Smith and wife vs the City of El Paso. and No 469. Jno Evans vs the City of El Paso involving the title to certain streets in said City and Whereas it is necessary to employ additional counsel to assist the City Atty to defend the title of the City to said streets on account of the importance of said suits and the labor to be performed.

Therefore be it resolved that the City Atty be authorized and empowered to employ Brooks and Buckler Attys to assist him as Attys in said suits, and that the sum of One Hundred Dollars be appropriated to pay said Brooks & Buckler in said suits and that the sum of Fifty Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be also appropriated to pay necessary advance costs and that said moneys so appropriated be taken out of the Special fund. That this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Moved & seconded that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Carried. all members voting in favor of the same.

The following ordinance read. viz.

Whereas the City Council of the City of El Paso deem it necessary for the proper administration of the City government. and for the interest of the City that the legal status of the Fire Dept and its Officers be more definitely fixed.

Therefore be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso. that Officers of said Fire Dept shall consist of a Chief. 1st Asst and 2nd Asst One Foreman and Asst Foreman for each Company and a Treasurer and Secty for said fire dept whose duties have been heretofore defined by Ordinance

And that said Officers shal be deemed City Officers who shall qualify and file their evidences of qualification in the Office of the Clerk. and shall be subject to dismissal for malfeasance or incompetency or other cause as other City Officers. And that the

Council shall fill all vacancies as they may occur in the above named Offices,

11 that this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

Moved and seconded that the above and foregoing Ordinance be adopted, Carried all members of the Council voting in favor of its adoption.

Moved & seconded that the Comee on Police with the Marshal be instructed to investigate the matter of the government of Houses of prostitution and to suggest rules governing the same. Carried.

Moved & seconded, that the profile of certain surveys made by the City Engineer be referd to Comee on Streets Grades &c. Carried.

Council adjourned.

Attest
O D Beall
City Clk.

Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

Council Room Apl 21st/84

The Council met above day and date, pursuant to the following call.

By authority vested in me by law. I hereby order a meeting of the Council for the purpose of considering the Police Ordinance introduced at the last regular meeting and refered to the Comee on Police, and such other matters as may properly come before the Council.

Witness my hand this 21st day of Apl 1884
(Signed) Joseph Magoffin
Mayor

The Mayor in the chair - directed the Roll. Called. The following members present. Aldin. Dougher. Dieter. Schuster. Mitchell. Bossett and Buchanan Marshal Boring also present.

The Ordinance upon the government of the Police which had been heretofore refered to the Comee upon Police. was read.

Motion Carried. that the Council go into Comee of the whole for the purpose of considering said Police Ordinance.

Motion Carried. That the Council discontinue the discussion upon the police Ordinance and to discuss the recent actions of W P Rayor. The citizens present and the Council discussed at length. the matter of threats made by W P Raynor. also the matter of discharging certain members of the Police Force. then committee arose and reported progress to the Council whereupon it was Moved and Seconded. that the Police Ordinance be adopted. Carried. all members voting for its adoption. Said Ordinance is as follows.

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

Sec 1 There shall be a Board of Police established consisting of the Mayor and three aldermen of the City to be selected by the City Council.

Sec 2 The regular Police Force of this City shall consist of the Marshal. as Chief of Police and Assistant Marshal or Marshals. and of such number of privates as the City Council may from time to time authorize by resolution. the Marshal in the discharge of his duty shall be subject to the orders of the Mayor only.

Sec 3 The Board of Police shall make all appointments of Officers and members of the Police Force of the City. and prescribe rules and regulations for the government of the same. and shall have power to remove any Officer or member of such Police for neglect of duty and violation of the rules and regulations prescribed for the government of the same as prescribed by the Charter Provided that the City Council may at any time revise. alter or amend such rules and regulations.

Sec 4 The Board of Police shall whenever they deem it necessary for the Public interest. or to preserve peace and good order. appoint Special Policeman who shall be governed by the same rules and regulations and invested with the same powers and authority as the regular Police, Special Police shall receive no pay from the City without vote of the City Council.

Sec 5 Upon the appointment of any Officer or member of said Police Force it shall

be the duty of the City Clerk to issue him a certificate of such appointment and upon receiving the same, such person shall before entering upon the duties of his Office take and subscribe the Oath of Office required by the constitution of the state before any Officer legally authorized to administer oaths which shall be endorsed upon the certificate of appointment and filed with the Clerk

Sec 6 Special Policemen to serve as such at theatre and other places of amusement, at hotels at Depots, and at other public places or establishments, may be appointed by the Police Board at the request of the manager of said places, But they shall receive no pay from the City, and such Special Policemen shall be subject to the provisions of the Police Ordinance so far as the same are applicable, and such rules and regulations as the Police Board may adopt, and each and every appointment may at any time be revoked by the Police Board.

Sec 7 It shall be the duty of the Policemen of the City to be obedient to the order and direction of the Mayor and Chief of Police communicated to them in person or delivered in writing, and to keep a faithful watch and ward in the Districts which may be assigned them and it shall further be the duty of each of them upon the discovery of fire, to give the alarm thereof immediately and to ring hotel or other bell or bells in the City, and it shall further be the duty of Policemen and each and every one of them to apprehend and detain without warrant all offenders against the peace and all persons who may obstruct or endanger them, or either of them in the execution of their Office, or who shall be guilty of any disorderly conduct, or shall be engaged in any riot, unlawful assemblage, outcries, noises or other disturbances whatever, or who shall aid abet or assist others in the commission of

either of said Offenses, and for this purpose the said Policemen or either of them are authorized to enter any dwelling-house, store, grocery or other building where any person may take refuge or be, who has during the night in their presence or hearing committed any felony or breach of the peace or when any felony or breach of the peace is about to be committed, or any noise, alarm outcry or disturbance shall be made.

Sec 8 The Chief of Police shall assign to each Policeman his round and duty, and may order any of them to render service in any Ward whenever and whenever in his opinion the occasion may require it. He shall report in writing the time actually served by each Policeman, the time absent and such other information as he deems proper, or may from time to time be required by the Council. He shall also see that the Policemen are provided with the proper arms and equipments which the emergency may require and that they perform their duties, and shall report every failure promptly to the Mayor, whose orders, as far as practicable, cause to be faithfully executed.

Sec 9 It shall be the duty of each and every Policeman to arrest without warrant all persons found in suspicious places and under circumstances which reasonably show that such persons have been guilty of some felony or breach of the peace or threaten or are about to commit some offense against the laws or Ordinances.

Sec 10 In all cases of the arrest of any person or persons without warrant, the policeman making such arrest, shall have him or her or them forthwith before the Mayors Court if in session. If the said Court be not in session the said policeman shall commit the person or persons so offending, to the City Jail, there to be securely kept in custody until the said Court shall be in session, when he, she or they shall be forthwith taken before said Court there to be fined and punished according to the laws of the City. Provided that the Chief

of Police and his deputies may take good and sufficient bail for the appearance of such offenders before the Mayors Court.

Sec 11 It shall be unlawful for any person to falsely represent himself to be a policeman or to wear any badge used to designate a policeman or to make use of or to blow any whistle similar to that used by the City Police (with a pea in the end of it) and any person guilty of either of said offenses shall upon conviction before the Mayors Court be fined not less than five nor more than fifty dollars.

Sec 12 Any policeman keeping in his possession any fine or cost collected by them for a longer period than twenty-four hours shall be discharged from the force. No police Officer shall get intoxicated or use any abusive language to any person under arrest or any other person on penalty of dismissal.

Sec 13 No person shall be appointed a member of the police force who does not possess a good moral character, and when required by the police Board shall furnish testimonials, and may be required to give Bond in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec 14 It shall be the duty of every policeman to make arrest without warrant when a City ordinance or state law is violated in his presence, but in making such arrest and conveying such prisoner to Jail, he shall use only such violence as is necessary to effect his purpose.

Sec 15 It shall be the duty of every policeman to treat all City Officers in a respectful and courteous manner, as well as all other persons with whom he comes in contact in the discharge of his duty.

Sec 16 Any police Officer found habitually loafing in a Saloon or other public house or frequenting houses of ill fame when not in the discharge of his duties, or guilty of any conduct unbecoming an Officer,

and a gentleman. he shall be subject to immediate dismissal by the Police Board.

Sec 17 Any member of said police force shall be subject to dismissal for neglect of duty, misconduct in office, or for violation of the lawful orders of the Mayor, Marshal or other Officer having authority to Command, or for a single act of drunkenness.

Sec 18 That all Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec 19 That this Ordinance go into effect from and after passage and publication.

Passed & Approved April 21st 1884.

Attest (Signed) Joseph Magoffin
O B Beall Mayor
City Clk.

Approved.
(Signed) Jno Dougher
O H Bassett
Benj Schuster.
Police Commissioners

Council on motion Carried adjourned until 3 O'clock this P.M.

Council met pursuant to above adjournment at 3 O'clock P.M. The Mayor in the Chair directed the roll called. All the members present.

Moved and Seconded that the Council go into executive Session. Carried.

The following Resolution was offerd -

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that Officer Scatten be suspended from further duty, as policeman of this City, and that his resignation be requested by the next regular meeting of the Council. Carried, all the members of the Council voting for the adoption of the same.

Mr R L Lunsley was put in nomination to fill said vacancy.

The ballot was had, and Mr R L Lunsley receiving six votes, was declared duly elected a member of the Police Force

of the City of El Paso.
Moved & seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to appoint Special Police for the preservation of the peace of the City, under Sec. 85. of the Charter, Carried.
Moved & Second, that the petition of Mr C L Pierce be referred to Comm on Police Carried,
Council then adjourned.

Attest
O B Beall
Clerk.

Mayor read.

Council Room May 9th 1881
Regular meeting of the Council above day and date. The Mayor in the Chair called the Council to order and directed the Roll called. The following members present. Ald. Dougher. Mitchell Bassett & Buchanan. Deputy Marshal Gillett also present.
Minutes of preceding meetings read and adopted.
The Petition of many citizens of the City, asking that certain changes be made in the Magoffinville acequia was read. And on Motion Council was referred to the Comm on Street Grades & the Report of the City Engineer with plat or profile of the survey of the flood or drainage ditch in the north part of the City, was presented. Also another Survey of the same nature for the same purpose was presented by Mr Sattenwait.
Moved and seconded that the whole matter of the drainage of the City be referred to the Comm on Street Grades. Carried.
Several accts against the City referred to Comm on Finance.
Complaint of J D Terry in reference to a fence built by the A T & S F Ry along the South line of their track, was on Motion Council referred to Comm on Street Grades.
Resignation of Mr Scott accepted. Council adjourned.

Attest
O B Beall
City Clk

Mayor