It was moved & seconded that the Ordinance regulating the Erection of buildings & fixing fire limits within this City, passed April 1st 1882 be repealed The ayes & Nays being called for the roles was as follows, on this Motion: Aldermen: Hague, aye; Keating, aye; Blacker, aye; Flood, aye; Blum, aye. Being five votes each all in favor of the motion the same was declared carried & the Ordinance named in the motion repealed accordingly. _____

It was moved & seconded that the amended Petition of the El Paso Market House Co be referred back to the Special Committee. Carried. _____

The Council then adjourned. _____

Approved
Paul Kreating
Mayor

Attest
D S Kahn
City Clerk.

Council Room El Paso Texas January 10th

The Council met pursuant to the following call, which was read: _____

Mayors Office El Paso Texas January 10th 1883. _____

To the Members of the City Council of El Paso Texas: _____

You are hereby summoned to meet at your Hall on this the 10th day of January 1883, in order to pass upon the Revised Tax Rolls for 1882 & finally pass upon them & to pass such Ordinance or Ordinances for the collection of the same. Given under my hand & the seal of this City, on above day & date. — signed Joseph Magoffin — Mayor

Attest — Signed — D S Kahn City Clerk

The Roll Call showed the following members & Officers of the Council present. Ald. Hague, Keating Blacker & Flood, absent Ald Schuster & Blum present City Clerk Kahn City Atty Buckler & Marshal Gillett. A Quorum of Aldermen present. _____

Upon motion the Council adjourned to Saturday Jan 13th 7 p.m. _____

Mayor Magoffin

Saturday January 13th 1883 7 p.m.

The Council met on above day & hour pursuant to adjournment, His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, presiding, who called the council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll, which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, present. Ald. J. P. Hague, 1st Ward, present. Ald. S. Blum 1st Ward present. Ald. B. Schuster 2nd Ward, absent. Ald. P. H. Keating, 2nd Ward, present. Ald. A. Blacker 3rd Ward, present. Ald. N. F. Flood, 3rd Ward. present. City Clerk Kahn, present. City Atty. J. A. Buckler, present. Marshal, Gillett, present. A Quorum being present the Council proceeded to business before it

The Clerk then presented the different assessment Rolls for the fis year Ending February 28th 1883 as follows.

for fiscal year 1882. On Real Property assessment 1.483.704.00

" Personal " " 670703.00

Total on Regular Roll. $2.153.907.00 Ad Val. Tax $5.384.91

Real " unassessed 48.477

Miscel " " 300

$48.777.00 Ad Val Tax $122.08

Total for 1882. $2.202.684.00 $5.506.99

Polls on Rendered List 232

" " Unrendered " 32

Total 1882. 264 @ 1.00 $264.00

Total Amt of Taxes for 1882. $5.770.99

Also for the Year 1881.

Unassessed for said year by owners $2.700.00 ad Val Tax 6.75

Poll Tax 2.00 8.75

Total amt of Taxes levied due for 1881 and 1882. $5.779.74

It was moved and seconded that the revised Rolls as presented to the City Council for approval by the City Clerk be now approved and ordered collected. which motion was duly carried.

The Clerk Also was directed to turnover for collection unpaid taxes for 1881. on Rendered Roll for said year amounting to $17.50 and the assessor and Collector ordered to collect the same.

The hour having arived for the regular session of the City Council, the called session Ended and the regular meeting for the second Saturday in January 1883 was called to order by his Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor in the chair, who directed the Roll to be called and the same Members and Officers as above Replied to their names, and the Council took up its regular course of business.

There being no objection the reading of the minutes of previous meetings was dispensed with.

The following petition was then presented and read:

El Paso Texas January 8th 1883.

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

Gentlemen!

The undersigned request, the appointment of Mr. Chas. Gallagher as Policeman without compensation from the City, as we desire to employ him as watchman for our property in this City and deem it advisable, that he should have authority to carry arms and make arrests. We the undersigned, hereby promise to pay said Chas. O. Gallagher the sum set opposite our names, weekly for his services as watchman for our property in El Paso Texas, Signed W. Williams [illegible]

It was moved and seconded, that Chas O'Gallagher in accordance with the prayer of petition be appointed a policeman without pay and that the Mayor shall have authority to make such appointment from month to month carried.

The following report from the Committee on Finance was then received and read

Committee Rooms of Finance Committee El Paso, Jany 13/83.

To the Mayor and City Council El Paso.

Gentlemen! We have examined the following Bills and find them correct and recommend, that they be ordered paid.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| January 8th 1883 | Robbins and Carrico | | 8 00 |
| " 12th " | Geo Fenning & Co. | | 13 63 |
| December 28th 1882 | Mrs E.L. Lane | | 10 50 |
| January 2nd 1883 | Fisk, Eakins and Co | | 6 00 |
| " 13th 1883 | A.E. Rodgers | | 7 50 |
| December 23rd 1882 | J. Haas | | 1 25 |
| January 2nd 1883 | Rio Grande Pharmacy | | 13 50 |
| " 9 " | Robbins and Carrico | | 36 55 |
| December 1st " | Benecke and Pierce | | 22 50 |
| " 1 " | W.A. Irvin and Co | | 17 95 |
| | Total | | 137 38 |

Also the following Bills ref'd to us, without approval

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|---|---|---|---|
| December 15th 1882 | Archie Allen | 45 00 | |
| | El Paso Transfer Co. | 17 90 | 62 90 |
| | Grand Total | | $253.38 |

Signed J.P. Hague, A.P. Flood & Pat Keating.

It was moved and seconded, that the report of the Committee on Finance be adopted and that the sum of two hundred fifty three 38/100 Dolls or so much thereof as may be necessary be and is hereby appropriated out of otherwise appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the City, carried.

The following report was then received from the Special Committee on the petition of the El Paso Market house Company, &c.,

Council Room El Paso Texas Jany 13th 1883

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

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the El Paso Market Company, through J.K. Dale its Agent, have to state, that we have considered the same and recommend that the prayer therein be granted. We also recommend that the accompanying bond together with the accompanying Ordinance, be the bond and Ordinance adopted in this behalf

Respectfully

Signed J.P. Hague Chairman

Allen Brown

It was moved and seconded that this report of the Committee on Petition of El Paso Market House Company be received and action thereon deferred to Monday January 15th 1883. Carried

The following Ordinance was then introduced.

An Ordinance, levying a poll tax for the year ending February 28th 1883.

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

Sect. 1. That for the fiscal year ending February 28th 1883 there shall be levied and collected from every male person residing in said City and so residing therein on the first day of March 1882, between the ages of twenty one and sixty years (insane, blind, deaf or dumb persons, or those who by amputation or otherwise have lost the use of one or both hands or one or both feet excepted) an annual poll tax of one dollar.

Sect. 2. The City Assessor and Collector on the approval of this Ordinance, shall at once proceed to assess all persons in the limits of said City liable to the payment of said tax and the same shall be placed on the assessment rolls and collected as other Taxes are, and for which the assessor and Collector shall receive the same compensation as for other taxes collected by him.

Sect 3. The assessor and Collector, shall by the 1st day of February 1883 report to the City Council the names of all persons, who have paid said poll tax, together with all persons assessed for said tax and who have failed to pay said tax.

Sect. 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

It was moved and seconded that the Ordinance "Levying a poll tax for the year ending February 28th 1883" be adopted and passed. which was carried- and said Ordinance was declared so passed.

The following Ordinance was then introduced:

An Ordinance, defining the powers and prescribing the duties of the Street Commissioner of the City of El Paso.

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

Sect. 1. That the Street Commissioner of the City of El Paso, shall be elected by the City Council, at Each regular Election of officers electable by ~~the City Council~~ said body, to wit: at the first meeting of said Council after Each regular Election for Mayor and Aldermen in said City and he shall hold his Office for the term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Provided that the City Council shall have power by Elections to fill any vacancy in said Office in the same manner as in case of other Officers.

Sect 2. Before entering on the discharge of his duties, the Street Commissioner,

shall take an oath to faithfully discharge all duties that may be imposed upon him by ordinance of the City of El Paso, which oath, shall be in writhing & filed with the City Clerk. _____

Sect. 3. It shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner, whenever called upon by the City Council, to personally superintend any & all grading, widening, altering or improving any street or alley in the City of El Paso, & to see that the grading in every case shall conform to the alignment, fixed by the City Engineer. He shall superintend the construction of all bridges, culverts & sewers, that the City Council shall order constructed, & shall see, that all improvements or alterations of any street or alley are made in conformity to the Contract under which the same is done. _____

Sect 4. It shall be his duty to report to the City Council at least once a month, making such suggestions as he may think proper, in regard to the improvement of, or removal from, any street of any obstructions therein, & such other suggestions in regard to the conditions of existing or the opening of new streets; provided that the City Council may require him to report at any time & on any subject connected with the streets of the City, that they may desire. _____

Sect 5. He may perform such other duties as the City Council may from time to time enjoyn upon him. _____

Sect. 6. This ordinance shall take effect & be in force from & after its passage & approval. _____

It was moved & seconded that the Ordinance prescribing the powers & defining the duties of the Street Commissioner as above be adopted & passed - Carried - & said Ordinance was so passed. _____

The Report of City Engineer Savage on the work of surveying & mapping the City was referred to the finance Committee, to report June 15/83

Bill of D. L. Kahn City Clerk for special services on assessment 1882 was similar referred. _____

The finance Committee was also instructed to report on the increase of salary of City Health Officer. _____

The Council then adjourned to Monday January 15 1883 at 7.30 p.m.

Approved

Paul Kreuling

Mayor pro tem

Attest

D. L. Kahn

City Clerk.

Council Room

El Paso Texas January 15th 1883. 7.30 p.m.

The city Council met pursuant to adjournment on above date and hour, the Hon. 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, Ald. J. P. Hague, 1st Ward, present; Ald. J. Blum, 1st Ward, present; Ald. P. H. Keating 2d Ward present; " B. Schuster 2d " " ; Ald. A. Blacker 3d " " " A. F. Flood 3d " " ; City Clerk, S. L. Kahn present City Atty J. A. Buckler, absent; Marshal J. B. Gillett, absent; Asst. Marshal Geo. Harris, present. The Clerk announced all the Aldermen and His Honor the Mayor present and City Attorney and Marshal absent, the later represented by an Asst Marshal, and the Council proceeded to business.

The first business in order being the consideration of the granting of a franchise to the El Paso Market house Company.

The following petition in connection therewith was then received and read — To the Honorable Mayor and Council of El Paso.

We the undersigned Merchants and Taxpayer of El Paso, most respectfully and earnestly protest against the adoption of any Ordinance relating to the Market question, until the same has been published in our papers and fully discussed by the people, and we demand, that no exclusive privileges shall ever be given to any parties, and the shall be given nedalone by the Officers of the City.

Signed Stuart and Sutherland, J. Haas, C. R. Morehead and others. It was thereupon moved and seconded, that this petition be received and filed, and that the Petition, Contract, Resolution and Report relating to the Market House, be published one time in official paper, under the supervision of the Mayor and that the Clerk is hereby required to furnish all papers in connection with said Petition of El Paso Market House Company. The ayes and no's being demanded the vote on this motion was as follows: Ayes. Ald. Hague, Blum, Keating, Schuster and Blacker — five — 5 — No's Ald. Flood — one — 1 — being a majority in favor of the motion and the same was declared carried.

The following Resolution was then introduced.

A. Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Paso, providing for the opening and improvement of certain parts of Santa Fe street. Whereas the public convenience and public travel in the city of El Paso requires the opening of and improvement of certain parts of Santa Fe street, Therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, That Santa Fe street from its intersection with San Francisco street

to the Rio Grande be declared opened for all purposes for which public streets may be used. & for the purpose of grading the same & filling up holes in said street, ~~to the amount of two hundred~~ & removing the obstructions therefrom, the sum of two hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the City Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, which appropriation is made on the representations made to the Council, that the property owners on said street will provide all additional sums of money necessary to accomplish said improvement. Said improvement shall be made under the direction of the Street Commissioner & shall it become necessary to re-establish the grade of said street, the Street Commissioner is directed to call on the City Engineer to Establish said grade, & said Engineer is directed to establish said said grade, when called upon by the Street Commissioner, & in no case shall said improvement be raised above the grade so established.

This Resolution being duly seconded was then passed, by the following vote. Aldermen Hague, Blum, Keating, Schuster, Blasted & Flood all voting aye & his Honor declared the resolution carried accordingly. & passed.

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The following Resolutions were then introduced.

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Paso providing for the improvement of San Antonio & Stanton streets in the city of El Paso & providing for the removal of obstructions therefrom.

Whereas the public convenience & public travel require the improvement of Stanton street in the City of El Paso, Therefore Be it

Resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that the Street Commissioner be required to remove all obstructions from said street from its intersection with St Louis street to the Rio grande, & to fill up all holes in said street, & put the same in condition to accommodate public travel on said street, between St Louis street & the river, & that he causes a bridge to be put on the acequia, where it crosses said street, & have the same flumed, similar to the bridge across said acequia at the crossing of El Paso street making the same conform to the grade of said street, & to enable him to do so he will call on the City Engineer to establish said grade, & the Engineer is hereby directed to establish said grade, whenever called upon to do so by the Commissioner.

Should he find any tenanted house in said street he will notify the occupant thereof to remove the same within five days & upon his failure to do so, he is hereby authorized to call upon the City Marshal, who shall cause the same to be removed by the City prisoners if there be any in his charge & in case there be none, shall employ as many persons, as shall be necessary to remove said obstructions.

The Street Commissioner shall let out all work to be done under this ordinance by contract as low as favorable to the City as may be, & report the amount to the City Council for settlement, & in removing any obstructions from said street, the City Marshal shall cause the same to be done by contract

unless done by the labor of City prisoners & shall report the amount of the cost thereof to the City Council for payment. And it further Resolved, that the Commissioners be requested to fill up so much of the hole on the South side of San Antonio Street near the intersections of Stanton Street as is covered by said San Antonio Street & to report the cost thereof to the Council for payment.

It was moved & seconded that this Resolution be referred to the Committee on Streets, Grades & public improvement carried.

It was then moved & seconded, that the subject matter of a City Cemetery be referred, to the Committee on Health &c, to report at the next meeting of the City Council, Carried

The following Ordinance was then introduced & read.

An Ordinance to facilitate the collection of the taxes due the City of El Paso for the year ending February 28th 1883.

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

Sec. 1. That if any person owning property within the City of El Paso shall fail, neglect or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or her or his or her property for the year Ending February 28th 1883, the assessor & Collector shall by virtue of his tax list & assessment rolls levy upon so much property liable to taxation belonging to such persons as may be sufficient to pay his, her or their taxes, & the assessor & Collector shall give notice of the time & place of sale by advertisement in writing, giving the name of the party (if to be not known property), the property & the amount of taxes, cost & fees due thereon, for ten days before the day of sale. Such notice shall be advertised in the official journal of the City & be posted at the Mayors office, the assessor & Collectors office & at two other public places of the City, & at the expiration of such notice, on the day therein specified, the assessor & Collector shall proceed to sell such property at public auction in front of the Court House door of the County of El Paso. provided, that when said property is offered for sale, the smallest portion of ground shall be sold for which any person will take the same & pay the taxes, costs & fees.

Sec. 2. After such sale of personal property, the assessor & Collector shall make out a bill of sale thereof & deliver the same together with the property to the purchaser thereof. & after the sale of any real property as aforesaid, the assessor & Collector shall make out & deliver to the purchaser a deed therefor as required by the Charter.

Sec. 3. This Ordinance shall take effect & be in force from & after its passage & approval.

It was moved & seconded that this ordinance as read, be passed, Carried.

A Resolution locating San Antonio Street & filling the hole therein from Stanton to Ochoa street, was then introduced, provided that the property owners along the line & grade of said improvement pay two thirds of the cost for the same, & was passed by the following Vote, Aldermen, Hague, Keating, Shearer, Blocker & Flood voting aye. Ald Blum absent.

see page 174 for this Resolution in full

The bill of Hall & Kinney for $7.55 was then read by the Clerk, being for ice during August, September & October 1882 for use of City Council, & the same was ordered paid out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. _____

The Bill of Sylvester Hatter as below, with letter explaining the same was then presented & read, to wit: — El Paso Tex January 1st 1883. _____

City of El Paso _____ To El Paso Water Co. — Dr. _____

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| 5 | Hydrants | 4 | months. | on cor | Blk 19 | N.E. Cor | Blk 14. | E. S. | Blk 14. | N.W. Cor. | 14. | S. E. cor | 17. | 166.66 |
| 6 | " | 3 | " | S.W. | " | " 14. | S.W. | " | " 34. | S.E. | " 17. | N. End Blk 2 | " | 150.00 |
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| 5 | " | 1 | " | S.W. | " | " 211. | N.E. | " | " 1, on Blk 25. | S.W. Blk 13. | S.W. Blk 131. | | | 41.66 |
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Total _____ $391.65

It was moved & seconded that this Bill of the El Paso Water Co. be referred to Committee on Finance & Claims

The following is the resolution referred to as passed on page 173 — in full as passed for the improvement of San Antonio Street & levelling of the same.

Resolved, That the abandoned ditch on San Antonio Street between Stanton & Virginia streets be filled up & levelled off so that it can be used as a street & that bridges be built on San Antonio street & Magoffin Avenue, provided, that the property holders on said streets pay two thirds & the City one third of the expenses of said street improvements & building of said bridges; & the Street Commissioner be instructed to proceed with said work as soon as possible. _____

The Council then adjourned to next regular meeting January 27th 1883.

Approved

Paul Kreuzberg

Mayor pro tem

Attest.

D. L. Baker

City Clerk.

City Council Room

El Paso Texas January 27th 1883

The City Council met for its regular Meeting on above date & at appointed hour, His Honor Joseph Magoffin 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. J. P. Hague 1st Ward present; A. H. Schutz 1st Ward absent; Ald. P. H. Keating 2nd Ward present; Ald. B. Schuster 2nd Ward present. _____

" A. Blacker 3rd " present; " A. J. Flood 3rd " absent. _____

City Clerk D. L. Baker absent, excused on official business, & represented by Deputy J. M. Rivas.

City Attorney J. A. Brackett present; Marshal J. B. Gillett present. _____

There being four Aldermen present & two absent a quorum of the Council proceeded to the business before it.

On motion duly seconded the reading of previous meetings was dispensed with. _____

It was moved and seconded that further time be granted to Committee on Finance &c to report on Bill of Water Company for rent of Hydrants, Carried.

It was moved and seconded that further time be granted to Committee having in charge the Petition of the El Paso Market Company, Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the account of City Clerk Kahn for extra compensation for work performed on assessment for 1882. and that the assessor and the Clerk be notified to attend at next meeting when it shall be taken up, Carried.

On Motion duly seconded the Committee on Finance &c. was granted further time to report on increase of salary of City Health officer.

The report to date of City Treasurer J. W. Zollars was received and referred to His Honor the Mayor for examination.

The following report was then received from Committee on Street &c.

The Committee upon streets &c. report:

That it is necessary to open Stanton and Oregon streets, and the Committee recommend that the Council declare that they be opened, and that the Mayor and two members of the Council to be appointed by the Mayor, examine the obstructions necessary to be removed to open said streets, and ascertain what the owners of private property in said streets, will charge for the same, or to remove the same, and report to the Council at its next meeting, with a view to commence condemnation proceedings, if the amount charged is to much. And further recommend, that Stanton Street be placed in a condition to travel and invite travel, as provided for in the resolution heretofore presented.

Signed — A. Blacker, and B. Schuster — Com on Strts &c.

It was moved and seconded, that this report be adopted Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Approved

Paul W Keating

Mayor pro tem

Attest

J S Kahn

City Clerk.

Council Room

El Paso Texas February 5th 1883.

The Council met pursuant to call, requested by Aldermen Schuster and Flood, the Mayor pro tem called the council to order, and directed the Clerk to call the Roll which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, absent — sick — Ald. J. P. Hague 1st Ward, prest; Ald. J. Blum, 1st Ward, present; " P. W. Keating 2d Ward, Mayor pro tem, present; Ald. B. Schuster, 2d Ward, present.