Council Room

El Paso, Texas June 24th 1887.

The Council met for its regular meeting on above date, at the usual hour. Mayor 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; Ald. W. Phillips, 1st Ward, present; " B. Schuster 2" " present; " P. W. Keating 2d " present; " Allan Blacker 3d " present; " N. F. Flood 3d " absent.

S. L. Kahn, City Clerk, present; City Atty. J. A. Buckler, present, & Marshal J. B. Gillett, present. A Quorum being present, the Council proceeded to business when it was moved & seconded that the Council take a recess to Tuesday June 27th at 8 p. m. Carried.

Tuesday June 27th 8 p. m. 1887.

The Council reconvened at appointed time after recess expired & being called & being called to order by His Honor the Mayor in the Chair who directed the Clerk to call the roll, which was with the same result as that of June 24th 1887. The Council then proceeded with its business.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting June 29th 1887 were read & there being an objection to their adoption as read the mayor ordered the ayes & noes on their adoption: Ald Hague voted aye Ald Phillips voted aye; Ald Schuster voted aye; Ald Keating voted aye being for the adoption & Ald Blacker voted no. & then stated his objection which were no objection's to the minutes but to the demanded corrections & the minutes were declared approved.

Upon his request Dist. Atty. Neill was permitted to make a statement in relation to using the City prison for county prisoners.

The Petition of John Dougher & J. G. Eblen offering to light the City with Electric light, the City to take five lights at $60.00 each per month payable to petioners, the contract to be for three years & the City to protect the property of the petitioners by ordinance &c, was received & read & on motion duly seconded was referred to committee on Streets &c. with direction to Report at the next meeting the Council adjourned.

The following resolution was then presented by the City Atty: The returns from the various wards of the City of an election held therein on the 18th day of April 1887, being all duly made to the City Clerk, the Mayor & City council proceeded to open the said returns, to count the votes & to declare the result of their called meeting April 29th 1887, when it was asscertained that for the proposition, "For the issuance of bonds, by the City, for ten thousand dollars for City buildings"

there were cast sixteen votes & against said proposition, there were cast twenty three votes & their being not a majority of two thirds of the votes cast in favor of said proposition it was declared to have been lost. & that for the proposition, "For the issuance of bonds by the City for five thousand dollars for sewerage & drainage;" ——— there were cast twenty nine votes & against the same eleven votes, which being more than a two thirds majority in favor of said proposition, it was declared to have been carried & sustained & that the contemplated issuance of bonds of the City, to the Extent of five thousand dollars for the sewerage & drainage of said City declared to have been duly authorized by said vote. ———

The above Resolution was on motion duly seconded adopted & passed.

The City Atty. presented then an Ordinance for the suppression of vagrancy, which was referred to the Committee on Rev. of Rules, Ordinances & C. ———

x The Clerk read communications from the Department of Education, & all correspondence in relation thereto on the assumption by the City of the control of the public free school within this City limits

It was moved & seconded to suspend the rules so far as to take up the Claim of Bancroft & Co. against the School Trustees of District No 2. El Paso County, being this City - for School Desks

The Clerk proceeded to call the Roll on suspension of the Rules as stated & it was carried by the five members present voting for same

It was moved & seconded, that the City Council appropriate One Hundred ($100 00/100) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to purchase these desks & pay for the same & that the City Clerk draw warrant for the account in favor of Bancroft & Co. on the City Treasurer, Carried.

x The Council then took a recess to Wednesday June 28th at 2 p.m. 1882.

——— Wednesday June 28th 1887 2 p.m. ———

The Council reconvened at appointed time at expiration of recess & resumed its business after Roll Call which resulted the same as before the recess. When it was moved & seconded that the rules be suspended in order to take up the report of the City Eng. recommending a System of drainage and the rules were accordingly suspended by the following vote: Ald. Hague, aye. Phillips, aye. Schuster, aye. Keating, aye. Delaney, aye & Ald. Flood absent. ———

The following Report of the City Eng. was then presented & read.

El Paso June 27th 1887 ———

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

Gentlemen, In accordance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of your honorable body. I have made a careful examination of the subject of the protection of the City of El Paso from the floods, to which the violent summer

rains have in times past subjected it, & beg to present the following report:

In the first place the means now at the command of the City, & indeed the necessities of the people at this time forbid any examination into the subject of complete sewerage. All that is required, is a speedy & sure disposal of the storm-water, which may overflow our streets & damage our property. The Southern Pacific Railroad Company are perhaps as greatly in need of protection from this danger as any other property owners in the City limits, & I have consulted with the resident Engineer Mr Lindberg on the subject, & have been assured by him that the Company will cooperate with the City in providing the needed outlet for the storm-waters.

The water-shed from which this overflow comes is very extended. No survey of its exact dimensions has been attempted, but a careful examination of its outlets gives us ample data for the amounts of water to be provided for. This Examination shows the following facts:

First, The ridge between Oregon & Utah streets divides the drainage into two nearly Equal volumes. The western part originally (as I am informed by old residents) flowing to the West of the Central Hotel & the Ochoa building & down the Alley between El Paso & Santa Fe streets. The Eastern part following nearly the present course of the Southern Pacific road & flowing off through the channel now spanned by their Culvert East of Morehead addition.

Second, The levels show, that a channel following the line of the southern Pacific road on the North side & also the line of the connecting ditch, between that & the Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe crossing the last named road just above where it crosses the Acequia & Empties into the River will have a fall of twenty five feet in four thousand, & will afford abundant passage for all the water, that can come through it. Across the low lands between the Southern Pacific & the Atchinson Topeka & Santa Fe roads this drain should be Elevated, otherwise ponds of stagnant water will be created. The cost of this drain ~~must be elevated otherwise~~ is roughly estimated at $2500.00

The levels further show, that a ditch cut from about the intersection of Rio Grande & Santa Fe streets, thence following the street lines diagonally to the intersection of Catavia & main st. ~~to the intersection~~ thence along the track of the Southern Pacific road to the culvert under that track close to the line of D" street in Collins addition from thence it continues down an old natural water course to the river. The fall on the line of this ~~road~~ ditch is 70 feet in 7500. This line intercepting as it does much of the water which would otherwise come down Oregon street will relieve the first mentioned ditch of much of the water ~~previously~~ flowing into it, & will I think

Effectually prevent any trouble from rates either to the Southern Pacific R.R. grounds or to the private property in the East End of town. The cost of this ditch will probably be in the neighborhood of $1500.00 making a total for both ditches of $4400.00 I would suggest that in view of the offer of the Officials of the Southern Pacific Co. to assist in this work, that such appropriation as your honorable body sees fit to make be made available to me, to be used in conjunction with said Company. If anything is to be done this year it must be done at once & no time lost. ——

In making the above estimates I would say, that they are based on present values of white labor here, & on market prices of lumber. I recommend only an open ditch at the present time. In case it proves adequate to the demands upon it, it can be made permanent by brick work or covering as the council may in future determine see fit & the finances of the City allow. ——

In conclusion I beg permission to acknowledge the courtesy & kindness of Mr Lindberg the Resident Engineer of the Southern Pacific, who has taken great pains to investigate this matter & obtain the Company's cooperation. Very respectfully

—— Signed —— A. C. Savage City Engineer.

It was moved & seconded that the system of drainage recommended in above report, by the City Engineer be adopted as part of the drainage system of the City. Carried. ——

By Consent of the City Council, Mr. J. G. Eblem appeared before the Council & explained the working of his Electric light & the privileges asked for in his petition presented to the council June 27th 1882

The regular business of the council was here resumed. ——

A Petition of El Paso Street Railway with amended Charter was presented & read; they pray for certain additional rights of way, & the same was by Consent committed to the Committee on Streets &c. with Instructions to report June 29th 1882. ——

The Committee on Rev. & Rules & Ordinances not ready to report on Ordinance for suppression of vagrancy, further time granted. The assessment Rolls for 1882 were here presented & made the special order for any future meeting. ——

The reports of Dallas Stephenson Marshal of May 15th & May 29th 1882 reporting $532.20 & $92.70 respectively Collected & that of J. B. Gillett actg. Marshal of April 15th 1882 reporting $271.00 collected were read & duly approved. ——

The a/c of Geo. Rand by unanimous Consent presented & allowed being $5.50 for burrial of unknown pauper died at Pest House, & ordered paid. ——

The council then took a recess to June 29th 1882 at 2. P. M. ——

of any existing owner such city & place & date [illegible]

Thursday June 29th 1882 2 P.M.

The Council reconvened at appointed time at the expiration of recess & resumed its business, The same commissioners who were present at the last meeting were present & answered to their names as did the same City Officers. The City Engineer was called upon to report upon the actual cost of the drainage as recommended in his report of June 27th & approved by the Council & adopted as part of the drainage system of the City on 28th 1887. The City Engineer stated that S. P. Rwy Co. had agreed to do a certain amount of work on the sewer or ditch & that $2000.00 were required by the City as part of the City's cost as to do her share of the work. The City Engineer was instructed to make a detailed & specific report of what work & its cost was required to be done by the City, & what work would be done by the R.R. Co. The Petition of the El Paso Street Railway Co. was then declared in order & the consideration thereof & the report of the Committee on Streets &c if ready proceeded to. The Committee through Ald. Blacker its Chairman, stated that they were not ready to report & Ald. Blacker moved that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the Petition of the El Paso Street Rwy Co. Seconded by Ald. Hague. The ayes & noes being called for the mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on this motion which resulted as follows: Ald. Hague aye; Ald Phillips aye; Ald Schuster no. Ald Keating absent; Ald Blacker, aye; Ald. Flood absent; being three (3) ayes - one (1) no & two aldermen absent & the mayor declared the motion carried & the committee discharged from the further consideration of said petition.

It was thereupon moved by Ald. Blacker, & seconded by Ald Schuster, that the vote just taken discharging the Committee on Streets &c. from the further consideration of the petition of the El Paso Street railway be reconsidered. On which motion the ayes and nays were ordered. The Clerk proceeded to call the roll as follows: Ald. Hague, no. Ald Phillips, no. Ald. Schuster, aye, Ald. Keating, absent. When Ald. Blacker demanded a call of the house. Ald Hague objected to the call being made on a/c of being out of order. The mayor decided the call of the house in order & directed the Clerk to call the roll, which resulted as follows: Ald. Hague present, Ald. Phillips present. Ald. Schuster present; Ald Keating absent, Ald. Blacker present, Ald Flood absent from the City. The Sergeant at arms was ordered to produce Mr Keating & a recess was taken. The Sergeant at arms having brought Mr. Keating into the Council at 8 P.M. the Council proceeded with the business before it. The Clerk was again ordered to call the Roll on taking the ayes & nayes on the question to reconsider as above. The commissioners voting as follows: Ald Hague no. Ald Phillips no. Ald. Schuster aye, Ald Keating no. Ald. Blacker aye. (Ald Flood being absent). The mayor declared the

motion to reconsider the motion carried discharging the committee from the further consideration of the Petition of the E. P. Str Rwy Co. lost by 3 to 2. It was moved & seconded that the ~~El Paso~~ Petition of the El Paso Street Rwy Co: be received & filed, carried.

It was then moved & seconded that the council adjourn to Saturday July 1st at 8 p.m. 1882. The mayor being unable to decide by the voice voce vote ordered the Clerk to call the roll on this motion of adjournment. The Ald. present voting: Ald. Hague no, Ald. Phillips no, Ald. Schuster, aye, Ald. Keating, aye, Ald. Blacker aye, & the Mayor declared this motion to adjourn carried by a vote of 3 to 2. & that the council would stand adjourned to Saturday Evening July 1st (at 8 o'clock) 1882.

Approved
Joseph Magoffin
Mayor.

Attest
S.L. Kahn
City Clerk

Council Rooms
El Paso Texas July 8th 1882

The city council met for a special meeting in accordance with the following call:

Mayor's Office, El Paso, Texas July 7th 1882

By virtue of the power in me vested by the charter of our City, I hereby convene your honorable body to assemble at the Council Room at 8 o'clock p.m. on the 8th day of July 1882. to transact such business as may be properly brought before it. Given under hand & the Seal of the City on above date

Signed Joseph Magoffin
Mayor.

Attest
S.L. Kahn City Clerk

To the Aldermen of the City of El Paso.

After reading of the above call the council was called to order by his Honor the Mayor, who directed the Clerk to call the Roll, which resulted as follows:
His Honor Joseph Magoffin Mayor, present.
Aldermen J. P. Hague, present, & W. Phillips 1st Ward absent.
" P. W. Keating 2d Ward present, & B. Schuster 2d " present
" A. Black 3d Ward present, & N. T. Flood 3 " present.
City Clerk S.L. Kahn present. City Atty. J. A. Buckler present, Marshal Gillett absent, asst Marshal J. H. Comstock, present.
The Clerk announced the result - namely 5 Aldermen present & one absent, the Mayor declared a quorum present for the transaction of business, & the council proceeded to business.