El Paso Tex Feb'y 26 th 1881
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Present the Mayor, Aldermen Hague
Ochoa Krakauer Magoffin.
Absent Aldermen Slade & Hart
On motion the reading of the minutes
of the last meeting was dispensed
with -
Petition of Felix Escontrias to grant him
the privilege of making adobes on
Chihuahua St was upon motion
rejected -

S. Schutz
Mayor

Mayor's Office March 1st 1881
Called Meeting
Present Mayor Schutz Aldermen Ochoa
Magoffin Hague and Krakauer.
Absent Slade and Hart.
Motion to dispense with the reading of the
minutes of last meeting carried.
Petition of Texas & Pacific R. R. Co
was read, and resolution passed that
prayer of petition be granted; and that
Ald Hague be instructed to draw a
resolution setting forth the privileges granted
Petition was as follows: State of Texas
El Paso County - El Paso Texas
March 1st 1881
To the Mayor and City Council of the
City of El Paso:
Your petitioner the Texas and
Pacific Railway Company, a corporation,
duly organized in accordance with the laws

of the United States and of the State of Texas, through its agent John Adamson and R. H. Pattison would respectfully represent: That it is proposed by, and is the intention of said Company in good faith, to construct equip and maintain, as a part of its line a Railroad in said County and in part within the limits of the City of El Paso, as defined in section No 2 of an act of the Legislature of said State, entitled "an act to incorporate the City of El Paso", approved May 17th 1873: That said Company has surveyed the line and established the route of its proposed railway in said County and within said City limits, and made a map thereof upon which such line and route is designated; That for the purpose of construction maintenance and operation of said proposed railway, within the limits of said City, and for its switches side tracks, depot grounds and buildings and other conveniences in furtherance of the object of its construction herein, the Directors of said company deem it necessary enter upon, hold, and possess for the uses and purposes of said Company as herein before indicated, the following described lands within the limits of said City, to-wit:

Beginning at the East boundary line of said City, as fixed by said section, at a point where the West boundary line of the J. H. Cummings survey No 1 and the East boundary line of the N. A. Burchett No 1 intersect the center line of said

railway, as the same is defined by and indicated upon the accompanying map, which is hereto attached as a part of the petition, and for reference is marked exhibit "A"; thence westwardly on a curve with a radius of 3.820 feet, 100 feet more or less; thence on a tangent South 61° 10' west 5400 feet to point of curve; thence westwardly on a curve with a radius of 2.865 feet, 660 feet more or less to a point in prolongation of South First street upon its extention to the Eastward in accordance with the map of said City compiled by Anson Mills; thence on a tangent along the outer of said street proper and its prolongation as aforesaid, South 73° 50' west to the west side of El Paso street - shown on said Mills map in said City; thence on the same course as in said South First street proper and its said prolongations as aforesaid, crossing Santa Fe, Chihuahua, Stanton and Durango streets, and as well the intervening alleys, to a point on the East boundary line of the Depot grounds now owned and possessed by the Rio Grande and El Paso Railroad Company, either 1540 feet or to another point 1020 feet, west from the west side of said El Paso street; thence on a curve on a radius of 819 feet, 1000 feet more or less to said East boundary line of said Depot grounds - making connection with said Rio Grande and El Paso Railroad at or upon said grounds, at such point and upon such terms, as may be by said companies

Junction most convenient, and at a point approximately on or the other of the points of approach shown upon said accompanying map also thence from a point 2440 feet more or less West from the East end of the last named tangent to connect to the North with radius of 1433 feet; and thence to the Northwest on the most practicable line or route to intersect with the main line of the Galveston Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Companies line of road - as defined in the petition thereof and upon the accompanying map hereto for granted and acted upon by your Honorable Body - the connection thereto to be made at the point and in the manner determined by both companies and at a point as nearly as may be found practicable and approximately shown on the accompanying map.

Petitioner also request that there be granted to it the right of way across San Francisco Street and across all streets and alleys lying to the North of said San Francisco Street to the Northern boundary of said City limits.

Petitioner further asks that the right of way through and along said South First Street; and across all other Streets intersecting said Company's railway line as it passes through and along said South First Street; and as well across all other streets and alleys intersecting such line West from the West side of said El Paso Street be fifty (50) feet on each side from the center line of said

Company's track, as it is shown on said map herewith; and also that it be granted the right of way to put down and maintain one or more tracks across all the streets and alleys crossed by said track West from the West side of said Santa Fe street. The grade of petitioner's road through along and across said streets and alleys shall conform as near as practicable to the natural lay of the ground thereof, and which grade shall be fixed by the Engineers, acting in concert with the Engineer of said City.

Petitioner agrees, that the passenger and freight Depots, within said City limits, shall front toward the Rio Grande and the near platform thereof be within 2200 feet East from the West line of what is known as the James Wanning survey No 4 and that its Depot grounds be within the metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on tangent S 61° 10' West from end of curve which is 1020 feet, more or less, West from East line of said City limits, on curve, on curve 2100 feet, more or less; Thence 2628' 50' West 150 feet; Thence S 61° 10' W. parallel to center railway line 2560 feet more or less; Thence S 16° 10' E. 120 feet more or less; Thence S 61° 10' W. 680 feet more or less; Thence S 16° 10' E. 20 feet more or less to North side of Souste First street produced; Thence along the North side of said Souste First street 2673° 50' E. 1020 feet more or less; Thence N 61° 10' E parallel to said center line

2720 feet more or less.

Thence N 28° 50' W. 200 feet to said center line to the place of beginning.

With the foregoing petitioner asks that it be granted to it the right and authority to move its cars and locomotives over their road and all its switches and side tracks within said City limits, by means of steam; and prays that it be granted the right and authority to enter upon, hold, possess and enjoy, for the uses, purposes and such aforesaid, the right of way, and the lands hereinbefore described, or fully indicated by and described on the accompanying map; that this petition and said map be ordered filed among the official papers of said City, and that this petition be ordered recorded at length upon the minutes and book of proceedings of your said City; and that a resolution be framed and passed by your Honorable Body, fully covering and embracing the rights and privileges herein prayed for.

Respectfully

Texas and Pacific Railway Co

By Jno Adamson and
R. H. Petriken
Agent

City Attorney reported that Mr Baur has dug holes in the street, and it was ordered that said Baur shall give security in the sum of Two hundred Dollars to fill up any holes that have been made.

Advalorem Tax ordinance as follows was then passed: An Ordinance regulating the assessing and Collection of City Taxes.

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

Ord 11

Sec 1st That every person partnership or corporation owning taxable property in the City of El Paso on the first day of March of the current year, shall hand in to the Assessor and Collector a full and complete inventory of all such property within two months after published notice.

Sec 2nd The inventory above mentioned shall be made out and verified in the same form, and manner, as are the inventories for the purpose of State and County Taxes and shall in all things conform to the general law so far as applicable, except when the same is in conflict with the Charter and Ordinances of the City.

Sec 3rd Every person failing, neglecting or refusing to make out and deliver such an inventory within the time aforesaid shall be punished by fine not to exceed One hundred Dollars for each and every day that such failure neglect or refusal may continue.

Sec 4th Within ten days after the expiration of the time for making such monthly. the Assessor & Collector shall make out and deliver to the City Attorney, a complete list of the persons who have failed to make the same.

An Ordinance Defining and Punishing certain Offences.

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

Sec 1st That no person or persons shall give any public ball, dance or "Fails" for profit or reward; or in any house where wine, spirituous or malt liquors, or gaming away without first obtaining a license therefor; and for such license he, or they shall pay the sum of Five Dollars Every person so offending shall be fined not less than Ten, nor more than One hundred Dollars for each and every offence.

Sec 2nd If any person shall keep, expose or exhibit a bank for the purpose of gaming or otherwise, in any public place, any table, or bank commonly known and used for gaming; or who shall expose or exhibit for whatever purpose, any gambling device of whatever name or description; shall be fined in a sum not less than Ten nor more than Twenty Dollars.

Sec 3rd If any person shall permit the tables banks or other devices above mentioned or any one of them to be kept exposed or exhibited in any public house

or place controlled by him he shall be fined in a sum not less than Twenty nor more than One hundred Dollars.

Sec 4th The places houses tables banks and devices mentioned in the three preceding sections includes all those specified in Chapter Three Penal Code of the State of Texas.

Sec 5th If any trader in any lawful business shall barter or sell any spirituous or malt liquors, wines or cider on Sunday between the hours of 8 o'clock A.M. and 8 o'clock P.M. he shall be fined not less than Twenty nor more than Fifty Dollars for each and every offence.

Sec 6th If any person shall do any thing that is prohibited or fail to do any act required by the charter or ordinances of this City, and no special penalty is provided therefor, he shall be fined in any sum not to exceed Twenty Dollars.

Ord 13 Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso.

Sec 1st There shall be levied and collected an annual direct ad-valorem City tax of one fourth of one per cent of the assessed value thereof, estimated in the lawful currency of the United States, on all real property situated and all personal property owned in the City of El Paso on the first day of March of each and every year except so much thereof as may be exempted by the laws and

Constitution of the State of Texas

Sec 2nd That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Mr James Jaap was elected Recorder

Bill of John Daugher for 2 months rent of room for Jail purposes, approved.

Meeting adjourned.

I. Schutz
Mayor

Called Meeting of the City Council
This the 23rd day of March 1881

Present the Mayor
Mssrs Krakauer, Hague, Magoffin, Ochoa.

Reading of the minutes dispensed with on motion.

Petition of S.P. Young & Co that the City rooms the building lately occupied as a City Jail was read and on motion rejected. The following petition of the Galveston Harrisburg & San Antonio Railroad co was read and ordered filed, and recorded upon the minutes.

El Paso Texas March 7th 1881

To the Hon Mayor & City Council of the City of El Paso, Gentlemen

In behalf of the Galveston Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad Company I desire respectfully to petition that an Ordinance be passed supplimentary to the Ordinance of Feb 17th 1881 granting to said company the right to use

Twenty-eight feet in the street traversed by Railway of said company as well as on the street crossed by said Railway. The reason for asking this width is that the said company may be able to lay a double track for greater facility in operating said Railway should the same become necessary.

In explanation, I will say that the top of the bank upon which the Railway is built, is made fourteen feet wide, being seven feet each side of the center of the track, and for safety in operating, the center of a second track must be placed fourteen feet from the center of the first track making a total width of twenty eight feet for two tracks. Should the second track not be required it will not be built and this grant and this grant will remove any obstacles from our way in case the second track is required.

Hoping that the grant may be made without delay; I am in behalf of the Galveston Harrisburg Railway Company. Very Respectfully Yours

H. B. Underhill,

On motion the following Ordinance was then adopted:

Ord 14

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso as follows

Sec 1 That whereas by Ordinance adopted Feb 17th A.D. 1881 granting to the Galveston Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company the right of way upon and across the street of the City of El Paso for its Railway, it was therein

in Section No 1 provided as follows,
"provided that the right of way herein
granted to said company for its Railway
shall not exceed fifty feet on each
side from the center line of the track
thereof from the point where such line
of track touches said San Francisco
Street to the southwestern boundary
of the Depot ground as hereinafter
defined, and between which points
no side track switch or spur shall
be constructed", and whereas it appears
that the width of land so granted
is not sufficient for the proper
construction and operation of said
Railway, and that said restrictions
may otherwise impair the beneficial
effect of said Railway on the interest
of said City of El Paso. it is hereby
ordained that the said right of way
granted in said ordinance for the
Railway of the Galveston Harrisburg &
San Antonio Railway Company shall be
increased so as not to exceed sixteen
feet in width including the ten feet
granted in said Ordinance of Feb 17th 1881

Sec 6 This Ordinance shall take effect
from and after its adoption, and
a certified copy thereof shall be
furnished to said Galveston
Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company

Adopted March 24th 1881

Attest-

L. Schutz
Mayor