Council Room May 4th 1888

Regular meeting of the City Council.
Present Mayor Lightbody. Councilmen Hague. Dolan Johnson. Blacker. Freudenthal. Coples. Detwiler. Atty Caldwell. Marshal White. Clerk Beall.
Reading of minutes of preceding meeting dispensed.
Report of the City Assessor & C. presented and referred to Finance Committee
The City Marshal's report for Apl presented and referred to Police Committee.
Statement of Schleicher Schumm & Co was presented showing a balance due them of 500.$ same referred to Finance Comm.
The Statement and report of Asst Marshal Chapman in reference to examination of Fire Engs. was read. and on Motion Carried the same was received and ordered filed
Motion Sec.d & Carried. that a bill be presented to the El Paso Smelting Co for 400 ft of Hose @ 20¢ per foot.
The following report of the Police Comm.ee was read. to wit:

To the Hon Mayor and Council
Of the City of El Paso.
Gentlemen.

Your Comm.ee on Police would respectfully recommend.

First - That in lieu of the Commission now paid Police Officer Johnson. and as a full compensation for services, he hereafter receive a fixed salary of (125.$) One Hundred and twenty five dollars per month. payable out of the cash Fund.
Sec.d That the salary of Jailor Gunberson be increased 10.$ per month. making his monthly salary 75.$ instead of 65.$ as heretofore. to take effect 1st

May 1888
(Signed) R. F. Johnson Chairman
Police Comm.

Motion Sec.d & Carried, that the recommendations of the Committee be and the same are hereby adopted, and the City Atty to draft an ordinance covering the same.
The following claims referred to Finance Comm.e at last meeting of the Council were returned approved. To wit:

Baker & Whitman.	work on Pump Station	44.00
Cameron & Co	Lumber " " "	12.66
Smith & Fernandis	Work. " "	38.20
Wm Tryer.	Balance on Acquired work	35.00
Gloria Pollan.	Cash in Dist Court case	12.60
Gray Jones.	Engineer work	10.00
A L Walcott	" "	12.00
A Hudson	Repairing Streets	24.00
Krakauer Bark & Mayo.	Mdse for Pump Station	11.45
E V Pond Trans Co.	Hauling for " "	5.00
T. W. Hamman.	Work on Sewer	35.75
W N Vilas.	Rd for Water for P. House.	4.00
Herald Publishing Co.	Printing for Cons & Col.	21.00
Total.		$265.66

Motion Sec.d & Carried, that the sum of $265.66 be and the same is hereby appropriated of the appropriate funds to pay above claims and the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer to cover.
Motion Sec.d & Carried, that the Finance Comm.e be granted further time on the question of a levy of taxes for the present fiscal year.
The Comm.e to whom was referred the petition of the Campbell Real Est Ld report, and recommend that the prayer of petitioners to change the course of the alley in Block 204 C. Addition be granted.
Motion Sec.d & Carried, that the report

of the Comm^ee be received, and their recommendations adopted.
Motion Sec^d. That Mr Myor be granted the privilege to occupy three feet of the side walk in front of the Opera House on El Paso Sh. for the purpose of a stairway to the basement story of said building and that all other persons whose property fronts on a street where the side walks are 16 ft or more be granted the same privilege.
Carried by the following vote, to wit Hagen, Dalan, Johnson, Palacker, Caples, Detwiler, Yea.
Freudenthal No.
Sewer Commissioner Hammond reported that the sewer pumping station had been completed, and recommended that a hand pump to be worked by two or more men be put in.
Motion Sec^d & Carried, That the Sewer Com^ee be and they are hereby authorized to expend 250.$ or so much thereof as may be necessary to put in a hand pump.
The following resolution read & adopted to wit:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that if the parties representing the Brush Electric Light Company do not within 30 days from the passage of this resolution carry out the recommendations of the Committee to whom the matter of Street lighting was referred, and light the Streets of the City as designated by a Com^ee appointed for that purpose, that the said recommendations be considered null and void and of no effect and that the City proceed to negotiated with some other Street lighting Company with

a view to lighting the Streets of the City.
The following report was read. to wit:
To the Hon. Mayor & Council
Of the City of El Paso.
Gentlemen.
Your Committee on Acequias in attention to complaints regarding the inequality of water distribution, respectfully recommend 1st That the Commissioner be instructed to apportion the water as follows.
To lands within the City limits the prior right to the water during the following days of the week, to wit: Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday.
To lands without the City limits the exclusive right for the remaining days of the week. to wit Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
(Signed) R F Johnson.
Chor^n Acequia Com^n.
Motion Sec^d & Carried. That the report be received and recommendations of Com^n adopted and same referred to City Atty to draft required ordinance.
The following claims referred to the Finance Com^n to wit:

El Paso Trans. Co. board. mule 1 mo ~~Standing lumber~~	15.00
do do do do Carriage & Hack	15.00
J K Jonson. repairing side walk	3.00
W A Drain & Co. Stationery	3.00
El Paso Gas Co. for Apl	3.52
Stuart & McNair. for Pest House	4.00
E P Brown. For Pest House	9.25
Total.	$52.77

The following resolution read and adopted. to wit:
Whereas the Texas Press Association holds its annual meeting in may of each year in different cities and whereas the Citizens of El Paso appreciate the importance and influence of the press every where. and recognize what

it has accomplished for Texas. therefore.

Resolved. By the City Council of the City of El Paso. that on behalf of all the Citizens of this City we extend a most cordial invitation to the members of the Texas Press Association to hold its next meeting in May 1889. in El Paso. where each individual member will receive the heartiest kind of a welcome. from a people who fully understand the power of the press.

A communication from Chief of Fire Dept. read. recommending the following named members to be appointed Special Fire Police. to wit:

Hook & Ladder Co No 1.

Frank. Powers. C W Fossett. M. E. Edwards.

Hose Co No 1.

W B McLachlin. T Cooney. Wm Magaffin

Hose Co No 2

Iz F Merrill. Charles Weber. H.M. Robertson.

Motion Secd & Carried. that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to appoint the above named persons Special Fire Police.

Council adjourned.

R C Lightbody
Mayor

Attest
O B Beall
City Clk.

Council Room May 12th 1888.

Meeting of the City Council pursuant to the following call. to wit:

El Paso Texas May 12th 1888

To the Members of the City Council.
Of the City of El Paso

By virtue of the power vested in us as Councilmen under the Charter. We call a special meeting of the Council to meet at the Mayors Office at 7.30 "P.M." sharp. for the purpose of electing an acting Mayor, and to appropriate money to pay current expenses on streets.

A Blocker Ald. 2nd Ward
S J Freudenthal " 3rd "

Present, Councilmen Hague, Dolan Johnson. Blocker. Freudenthal, Caples Atty Caldwell. Asst Marshal Johnson. Clerk Beall.

Motion Secd & Carried. that the Council proceed to elect by ballot an acting Mayor.

1st Ballot.

A Blocker recd 3 votes
Caples " 1 "
Hague " 1 " Total 5.

Councilman Blocker receiving a majority of votes cast. was declared elected acting Mayor.

Motion Secd & Carried. that the sum of $27.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated of the Street maintenance to pay claim of A Hudson. and the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer to cover.

Council adjourned

Attest
O B Beall
City Clk.

Acting Mayor.

Council Room May 18th 1888.

Regular meeting of the City Council. Present Acting Mayor Blacker. Councilmen Dolan. Johnson. Prudential Cooles. Stwiler. Attn Caldwell. Marshal White. Clerk Beall.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and adopted.

The following ordinance read and adopted. to wit:

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

Sec 1 It shall be unlawful for any person to use the water of the Public Acequia for the purpose of irrigation or for any other than domestic purposes and the watering of animals. on Mondays. Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays. or to obstruct or in any way impede the flow of the Water in said Acequia on the days aforesaid.

Sec II Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance or any of them shall be fined in any sum not less than five nor more than One hundred dollars.

Sec III This ordinance shall take effect from and after passage and publication required by the charter.

Motion. Seconded & Carried. That a special Committee be appointed. consisting of regular Acequia Comtee and the Chairman of the Fire & Water Comtee to investigate and ascertain what claim. if any. the City may have against the El Paso Water Co. on account of Water taken by said Co. from the Public Acequia. and when they have done so. to hand the account to the City Attorney. and that he take whatever steps he may deem necessary to recover the amount should any be due. and that the Committee report at next meeting.

The City Marshal reported that the plank side walks in front of the Ranch Saloon. the Italian Restaurant and Mint Saloon was in bad condition and should be removed.

Motion Sec'd & Carried, that the report be received, and property owners be notified to put down side walks required by the General Side walk Ordinance.
Report of Sewer Commissioner read. Stating that the Building and hand pumps for the Sewer Station were complete. The same on motion Carried, was received and filed.
Motion Sec'd & Carried. that the Sewer Com'ee investigate and report at next meeting as to salary to be paid the Sewer Commissioner.
The reports of City Assessor & Collector and Treasurer returned approved by the Finance Committee.
Motion Sec'd & Carried. that the same be received and filed.
Motion Sec'd & Carried. that the Chairman of the Street and Grade Committee be authorized to purchase lumber for bridge purposes and present bill to Council.
The following claims approved. to wit:

A Hudson. Repairs on Streets.	Street Maintenance	30.00
El Paso Trans Co. Team & Hack	General	15.00
J. L. Janson. Repairs on Side Walks		3.00
El Paso Trans Co. Board Mule		15.00
J B Klattenhoff burial Mr Davis		25.00
Baker & Whiteman. Sewer work & material		115.24
Stewart & McNair. Post Hour 1.00 Jail 3.00		4.00
W A Irvin & Co. Stationery		3.00
F P Brown. Medicines		9.25
El Paso Gas Co. Gas. Apl		3.52
T W Hammon.		51.00
Krakauer Bark & Mayer		5.25
Total		279.26

Motion Sec'd & Carried, that the sum of $279.26 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the appropriate funds to pay above claims and the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer to cover.
Communication of W H Watts Supt El Paso Water Co read in reference to pumping

water from the Public Acequia, the same on motion Carried, referred to the Acequia Comm^r and Chairm^n of Fire & Water Comm^r
Communication of Chs Kerbu Mayor Ysleta in regard to the New Acequia read and referred to the Acequia Comm^r
Communication from the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools, with estimate for expenses amounting to 19020.$ was read, and referred to the Finance Comm^r
The following veto of the Mayor was read and on motion Sec^d & Carried ordered filed, to wit:

El Paso May 11th 1888.

Hon Board of Aldermen of the City of El Paso.

Gentlemen.

I herewith return with my veto and disapproval the resolution passed at your last session, authorizing owners of real estate fronting on Streets where the side walks are sixteen feet or over in width to use a strip of the side walks not exceeding three feet in width next adjoining their premises for the purpose of excavating therein a Stairway to their basements or cellars.
The resolution appears to me to be conceived in very loose and general terms and does not provide any safeguards against accident nor does reserve the right to the City to object in exceptional cases to the use of the privilege in places where such excavations would be unusually dangerous. But my main objection is that such a concession is a grant of public property for private use, and I can never lend my sanction to a measure that will imperil the interests of the Public to subserve those of an individual no matter how deserving he may be.

I am informed by the City Attorney that after a careful investigation he is still of the opinion that the City Council has no power to grant any such privileges. Believing therefore that the proposed ordinance is both impolitic and illegal, I feel compelled to veto the same, which I accordingly hereby do.

(Signed) R. G. Lightbody
Mayor

The following ordinance read and adopted, to wit:

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

Sec 1 That the City of El Paso does hereby abandon as a portion of El Paso Street the premises described as follows, to wit:

Beginning on the westerly line of Lot No 140 in Block No 93. Eleven feet and six inches southerly from the North East corner of said Lot 140 thence southerly along the westerly line of said Lot, Eleven feet and six inches. Thence at right Angles easterly three feet and six inches Thence northerly and parallel with said East line of said lot, Eleven feet and six inches. Thence at right angles westerly three feet and six inches to place of beginning and does hereby relinquish all right title and interest that it has in said premises as a portion of El Paso Street and suffers the same to revert to the owner or owners of the adjacent realty discharged of the easement and servitude that the Public has had therein as a Street.

Sec 2 That the City Council may at any time repeal this ordinance and in that event the said premises from the date of the going into effect of the ordinance repealing this ordinance shall again without any compensation to be paid by the person

or persons affected. be a portion of the said El Paso Street as heretofore provided. that no ordinance repealing this ordinance shall take effect until two years after the date of said repealing ordinance

Sec 3 This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

The following claims referred to Finance Comm to wit.

Mrs F Kelm	40$ board. recomd paid	27 50
Lyter & Fink	work on St.	26
Dr Vilas. Sd Betoriana Mendoza		1 50
W G Wolz		1 00
B Schuster & Co		18
E H King		7 50
Total		81 50

Motion Secd and Carried. That the Chairm of Stent & Grade Comm direct Capt Hudson to repair the crossing of the Florence St Accepted

Council adjourned

Attest
O B Small
City Clk.

Acting Mayor

Council Room May 25th 1888

Regular meeting of the City Council.

Present Mayor Lightbody. Councilmen Hague. Dolan. Johnson. Blocker. Caples. Detwiler and Schuster. City Attorney Caldwell. Marshal White. Clerk Beall.

Reading of the minutes of preceding meeting dispensed with.

The following ordinance read and adopted. to wit:

An Ordinance amending an ordinance regulating the time when it is unlawful to use the Public Acequia passed and approved May 18th 1888.

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

That the ordinance regulating the time when it is unlawful to use the Public Acequia passed and approved May 18th 1888 be and hereby is amended. so as to read as follows. to wit:

Sec 1 It shall be unlawful for any person to use the water of the Public Acequia for the purpose of irrigation or for any other than domestic purposes and the watering of animals on any Friday Saturday or Sunday or to arrest or in any wise impede the flow of the water in said Acequia on the days aforesaid.

Sec 2 Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance or any of them shall be fined in any sum not less than Five nor more than One hundred dollars.

Sec 3 This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, and the publication required by the Charter.

The City Assessor & Collector made the following report. to wit:

El Paso Tex. May 11th 1888

Scholastic Census of El Paso 1888.

Total no of White Children 8. and under 16. Males 435. Females 435.

Total no Colord Children 8. and under 14. Males 16 Females 28.

Males 415. Females 463

Grand Total 714.

Total White children 8 years of age 214. not able to read. 54

9 " " " 122 8

10 " " " 86 7

11 " " " 84 4

12 " " " 103 5

13 " " " 72 4

14 " " " 74 3

15 " " " 95 5

Total 870 70

Total Colord Children 8 " " 21

9 8

10 5

11 8

14 1

15 1

Total 44

Summary Total no children 914

White 870

Colord 44 914

Unable to read. White 70

1887. Total no children 612

White 598

Colord 14 612

Increase 302.

Signed J Geo Hilzinger

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Motion Seconded & Carried. That the same be received and filed.

The City Marshals report for the month of April returned approved by the Police Com^rs.

Motion Seconded and Carried. That the same be received and filed.

The Police Committee recommend as follows. To wit:

May 25th 1888

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Your Com^ts on Police would

respectfully recommend that Police Officer Dan O. Connell be at once dismissed from the force, for cause, that his badge and number be surrendered to the Marshal and that his pay cease at the date of such dismissal.
Your Committee also recommend the immediate dismissal of Merchant Policeman Chas Patterson and that his badge and number be surrendered to the Marshal.
The Committee would also call the attention of our Marshal to the ordinance requiring the Police to wear full uniform while on duty and to see that they confine themselves to their respective beats while on duty.

Very Respectfully
(Signed) R. F. Johnson
A. Blacker.

Motion Sec^d and Carried, that the report be received and adopted as a whole. Carried by the following vote, to wit:
aye. Hogan. Dolan. Johnson. Blacker. Caples. Detwiler and Schuster.
Motion Sec^d and Carried, that the matter of grading done by the El Paso Street Rwy Co. on Myrtle Street, be referred to the City Attorney to report at next meeting.
Motion Sec^d and Carried, that the City Engineer make the necessary survey, and establish monuments throughout the City which have been removed, the same to be done at his own or property owners expense.
Motion Sec^d and Carried, that the Building Committee inspect the City Hall Building and report next meeting whether the building has been constructed according to plans and specifications and that they request Messrs Stewart and Kering to assist them in the inspection of said building

Motion Secd and Carried. That Sewer commissioner Hammon contract no bills on account of the Sewer, unless ordered by the Council.
The foregoing motion carried by the following vote, to wit
Aye. Hague. Dolan. Detwiler and Schuster
No. Capels. Johnson. and Blacker.
The following claims approved by the Comm on Finance, to wit:

Mrs F Kelm.	Board Geakoonse.	27 50
E H King	" Ina McKin	7 50
A Hudson.	Work on Streets.	45 50
I H Lunsford.	Distributing monuments	2 "
B Schuster & Co.	1 Bridge over Acequia	18
W G Walz.	Pencils 4 doz.	1
Dr W N Vilas.	Hauling water	1 50
Total.		$91 00

Motion. That the sum of $91.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay above claims, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasr to cover.
The claim of Fink & Lyler for hauling dirt and grading streets, was on motion carried, disallowed.
The City Clerks report approved and ordered filed.
Motion Secd and Carried. That Mrs Sweeney be given six months time to construct side walks in front of her property on El Paso Street.
Motion Secd. That the El Paso Electric Light Co be given thirty days to light the streets of the city. Carried by the following vote, to wit: Aye. Dolan. Johnson. Blacker Capels. Schuster. No Hague. Detwiler
Motion Secd and Carried. That the vote had on the question of allowing six months time to Mrs Sweeney to construct side walks in front of her property on

El Paso Street. be reconsidered.
The Special Committee appointed to investigate the statement of City Attorney Caldwell. in reference to the rights of the city of El Paso and the El Paso Water Co. reported and asked for further time to make a final report.
Motion Sec^d that the report be received and further time granted the Committee. and that the Water Co be allowed to pump water from the Acequia during high water. the Company to pay to the City of El Paso. half the sum saved to said Company from said pumping. the mayor to cause said pumping to cease at any time he may deem it necessary.
Lost by the following vote. Aye. Hogan. Caples. Blacker. No. Dolan. Johnson. Detwiler. Schuster.
The following claims referred to the Finance Committee. to wit:

13 Schuster & Co	1.50
Wm Troyer	6.75
T W Hammon	81.30
Total	$89.55

The Com^n on Salary of Sewer Commissioner report and recommend as follows. to wit:

May 25 - 1888.

Your Com^n appointed to fix the Salary of Commissioner T W Hammond, would respectfully recommend that his salary be fixed at 75.$ per month and fees beginning on the 1st day of June 1888. and that he be paid out of same fund as any other special Officer.

Very Truly

(signed) R F Johnson

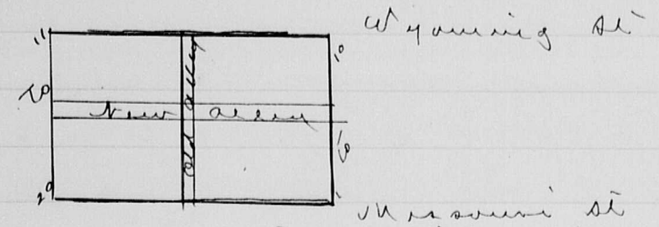
Motion Sec^d & Carried, that the report be received and adopted.
The following petition presented and read. to wit:

El Paso Tex 7/15 - 1887.

To the Hon.

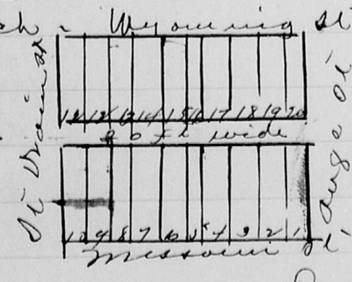
Mayor and City Council.

We the undersigned owners of Block No 240, respectfully petition your body to have alley in said Block, which at present runs north and south changed to run east and west, as per following sketch, according to map of Campbells and Moorhead's Additions



Respectfully submitted
B A Nebeker.
J C Lochland
J H Russell
J F Crosby
Pr his atty in fact
William Crosby.

Said Block when changed of alley is effected to appear, and the lots in the same to be numbered as shown by the following sketch.



Respectfully
B A Nebeker
J C Lochland.
J H Russell & J F Crosby
By M Patterson the atty

Motion Secd and Carried, that the payer of Petitioners be and the same is hereby granted.
Motion Secd and Carried, that the Acquire Comee be granted further time to report and that Councilman Blocker be added to said Comee
Council adjourned.
Attest
O B Beall
City Clk.
Mayor

Council Room May 26-1888

Meeting of the Council pursuant to call. for the purpose of taking action on the claim of the City of El Paso against the El Paso Water Co.

Present, Mayor Lightbody, Councilmen Hogan Dolan. Johnson. Blocker. Capers. Detwiler. City Attorney Caldwell. Marshal White. Clerk Beall, the Special Comm^ee appointed to investigate the matter of the claim of the City against the El Paso Water Co. reported as follows. to wit:

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

Your Committee granted further time to investigate the question of the report of the City Attorney touching the actions of the El Paso Water Co. would respectfully report. That they are convinced, that the said Water Co. has no right whatever to lay pipes in those streets of the City which have been dedicated since the granting of the Original Charter under which the said Water Co. derives the right to lay pipes in the public Streets And your Committee would recommend that the said Water Company be given until next Friday evening June 1st 1888 at the Regular meeting of the Council to make settlement with the City Council for the use of the water of the Acequia which has been pumped to their Reservoir and for the use of public Streets for laying pipes to which they had not previously obtained the right. and that in default of such settlement at the time above fixed, the City Atty be instructed to bring suit at once. against the said El Paso Water Co.

Very Respectfully

(Signed) R F Johnson

M A Dolan

Motion Secd. that the report be received and adopted. Carried by the following vote. to wit:
Aye. Dolan. Johnson. Blacker. Caples.
No Detwiler.
Motion that the matter be turned over to the Mayor. with authority to act as he may deem best. Carried by the following vote. to wit:
Aye. Dolan. Johnson. Blacker. Caples. Detwiler.
Council adjourned.

R C Lightbody
Mayor

Attest
O B Beall
City Clk.

Council Room June 1st 1888

Regular meeting of the City Council present Mayor Lightbody. Councilmen, Hogue Dolan. Johnson. Blacker. Freudenthal Caples. Detwiler, City Attorney Caldwell Marshal White. Clerk Beall.
Reading of minutes of preceding meeting dispensed with.
The following ordinance read and adopted by sections and as a whole. to wit:
An ordinance directing the construction of side walks on a portion of El Paso Street and a portion of San Antonio Street.
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso
Sec I there shall be constructed within sixty days after the approval of this ordinance a side walk either of Class One. or of class three at the option of the owner of the contiguous real estate. as said classes are defined in the General side walk ordinance passed April 16th, 1886. on both sides of El Paso