Co. would respectfully request the City Council to extend the time named in the Ordinance passed and approved on the day of 1888. for the commencement of work on the Santa Fé St Ry Co. wherein nine months was the period of time named, for sixty days from and after the expiration of the time designated in said Ordinance

Santa Fé St Ry Co
By J P Hogan

Council adjourned

R C Lightbody
Mayor

Attest
O B Beall
City Clerk

Council Room Nov 2. 1888

Regular meeting of the City Council
Present. Mayor Lightbody. Councilmen Hogan. Dolan. Johnson. Fundenthal. Caples. Detwiler Schuster. Attorney Coldwell. Marshal White. Clerk Beall.
Reading of the minutes of preceding meeting dispensed with.
Mayor Lightbody read a letter received by him from Mayor Hoggard of Fort Worth Texas. stating that he would come to El Paso as requested. and would examine and report upon the safety of the Mayor Opera House.
Motion Seconded and Carried, that the action of the Mayor in the matter be approved.
Fire and Water Committee reported on the petition of H.C. Myles and Morehead and others for Fire Hydrants at the

junction of Magoffin Ave and Brown St. and recommended that the petition be tabled.
Motion Sec'd & Carried. that the petition be tabled.
The following claims approved by the Finance Com'e to wit:

D Mackenzie, Rent for Nov	222 89
Monson & Thom	7 25
S Schutz & Bro	9
A Hudson	33
El Paso Trans Co	15
Star Stables	4 70
Total.	291 84

Motion Sec'd & Carried. that the sum of $291.84 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General and other appropriate funds to pay above claims. and the mayor is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer to cover.
Motion Sec'd and Carried. that Ald'n Detwiler Chairman of the Street and Grade Com'e look up and get together the tools belonging to the City.
The matter of procuring the old County Cages telephone used by the City was on motion referred to Ald'n Johnson with power.
Motion Sec'd & Carried. that the City Marshal procure a branding iron and that he brand all tools belonging to the City. and keep an inventory of said tools.
Motion Sec'd and Carried. that Maj. McGlennon be and he is hereby appointed Sexton Commissioner for the month of November.
The following claims referred to the

Finance Comm. to wit:

El Paso Water Co	40.00
E O Dryer & Co	19.00
Stuart & McNair	10.75
Henry Bucke	9.14
J H Wilson	25.10
Houck & Dieter	62.64
F P Brown	13.25

Motion Secd & Carried, that the City Atty be instructed to report as to any changes to be made in the Charter of the City at the last regular meeting in this month.

Council adjourned

R C Lightbody
Mayor

Attest
O B Beall
City Clk.

Council Room Nov 9 - 1888

Regular meeting of the City Council.

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

Reading of the minutes of preceding meeting dispensed with.

The Mayor stated that the Mexican government was now engaged in constructing a dam across the Rio Grande a part of which was being built on Texas soil, and also stated that he had prepared a telegram to be sent to the Governor of Texas in re. to the matter. Said telegram was read to the Council as follows.

El Paso Nov 9. 1888

To His Excellency Governor Ross
Austin Texas.

The Mexican Government is now constructing a substantial dam entirely across the Rio Grande ~~at~~ at point opposite, and partly in this City, with the intention of permanently, changing the channel of the river, a large part of the dam is entirely on dry land and in Texas, Unless the work is at once arrested, not only will the frontier be artificially changed, but serious injury will be inflicted on Texas land owners What do you advise me to do in order to protect the territory of the State and of the United States, as the urgency of the case will hardly allow the delay necessary to obtain redress by the ordinary diplomatic channels

R. C. Lightbody
Mayor of City El Paso.

Motion Secd and Carried, that the Mayor be instructed to telegraph God Ross as above.
Motion, that the authorities of Paso del Norte be requested to cease work upon said dam, until the matter of rights can be investigated
Amended, that the Mayor be authorized to act in the premises, according to his discretion, with such legal advice as he may choose, the amendment carried.
Maj Haggart, read the two following reports as to the safety of the Myer Opera House, to wit:

Nov 9th 1888.

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

Gentlemen - Having been appointed by your Hon. body as expert to examine the Myer Opera House

in its present condition, as to its construction and safety, I beg leave to state that, I have in obedience thereto, critically inspected said building in all its details, and have the honor herewith to report as follows:

I find the foundations in a perfect condition, the columns supporting floor of the auditorium and circles, and that run through the first story, not solidly on large through stone built on the stone foundation walls. The parquet is substantially framed and constructed with proper and sufficient material supported on the 18 inch brick division walls of the first story, in locations where the circle columns do not run to the cellar, and not directly over said brick walls rest on and are supported by 15 inch solid 1 beams spanning said space and resting on the brick walls.

I find that every effort has been made to insure strength throughout for the support of the auditorium, and therefore have the honor to state that I consider this portion of the building entirely secure, substantial and perfectly safe for the support of such audiences as can be accommodated. I have the honor to be very respectfully your obedient servant.

(Signed) A B Haggart. Architect.

Nov 9th 1888

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

Gentlemen - I have the honor herewith to make the following supplemental report on the condition of the Myar Opera House.

The rear wall or that on the right

side of the auditorium has been badly constructed in that it is pierced with too many door and window openings on the first story in rear of the stores - leaving in my opinion - an insufficient support for the weight of the brick work above. I respectfully suggest that said window openings be closed with good hard bricks laid in cement, and in their stead, bulls eyes or circular stationary windows built with the tops on a line with the heads of the present ones. Or else take down and rebuild the entire wall with the bulls eyes above referred to as proposed by me to Mr Stewart the Architect. which latter would be the safest and most substantial plan. In regard to the north side wall, I have to state that we found by a careful survey that on a line horizontally of about 90 feet in length on the inside from front to rear, it is nearly straight or as much so as brick walls usually are, but was bowed in from a vertical line from seven to eight inches, otherwise this wall seemed to be in a perfect condition, no cracks or other imperfections being perceivable.
I have suggested to Mr Stewart that he reinforce the rigging loft and roof over the stage, also tie and brace over the partitions of the building in front and outside the auditorium
Very Respectfully your obedient servant,

S B Hoggart, Architect.

Motion Sec^d and Carried that the two reports be accepted and adopted, and that both reports be published in the City papers.
The City Marshals report for the month of Oct read and referred

To the Police Committee.
Assessor & Collector report rec'd and referred to the Finance Committee.
Motion Sec'd and Carried, that Health Officer Dr Yandell be instructed to prepare statistics showing the advantages of El Paso as a health resort. to be published in eastern papers.
The following claims approved. To wit:

A B Phillips	4.00
F K Smyth	3.85
A Hudson	33.00
Burton Lingo & Co	26.30
S B Hoggatt	206.90
J B White	42.50
El Paso Foundry & Machine Co	15.60
Star Stable	10.75
Chas E Miller	75.
E H King	2.50
El Paso Foons Co.	1.50
Total	420.90

Motion Sec'd & Carried, that the sum of $420.90 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.
Motion Sec'd & Carried. that the number of gas lights heretofore ordered for the streets of the City. be increased from 28 lights to 36 lights. as follows First Ward 9. Second and Third Wards 10 each and Fourth Ward 7.
Motion Sec'd and Carried, that the Street and Grade Committee. meet with the Gas Co and Electric Light Co in order to arrange a schedule suitable for the City of El Paso Texas. and that said Companies

make a copy of each for the guidance and use of night Police.
Claim of Mockenzie referred to the building committee.
Motion Sec'd and Carried. That the hour of meeting of the City Council be until otherwise ordered fixed at 7. o clock P.M.
Council adjourned.

R C Lightbody
Mayor.

Attest
O B Beall
City Clk.

Council Room Nov 16th 1888

Regular meeting of the City Council.
Present. Mayor Lightbody. Councilmen - Dolan. Johnson. Freudenthal and Cagles.
No quorum being present. The Council on motion carried. adjourned to meet Tuesday next at 7 o. clock P. M.

R C Lightbody
Mayor.

Attest
O B Beall
City Clerk.

Council Room Nov 20th 1888

Meeting of the City Council pursuant to adjournment.

Present. Mayor Lightbody. Councilmen Hague. Dolan. Blacker. Freudenthal and Cassles Attorney Caldwell. Marshal White. Clerk. Beall.

By direction of the Mayor the City Attorney presented and read the following ordinance which was referred to the Ordinance Comm^ee to wit:

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

Sec 1 That every house, building, shed or other structure that from age, neglect, faulty construction or material or from any other cause becomes or is so weakened or insecure as to become or be in danger of falling, is a nuisance.

Sec 2 The owner or occupant in whole or in part of every nuisance as herein defined shall be fined in any sum not less than one dollar nor more than twenty five dollars and each and every day that he may own or occupy said nuisance shall be deemed a separate offense

Sec 3 By occupant as used in this ordinance is meant any person in the actual control of such nuisance or of any part of it.

Sec 4 When the Mayor shall be informed and believe that such a nuisance exists in the Corporate limits of the City of El Paso he shall cause the City Clerk to notify in writing the owner of such nuisance or in the absence of such owner from the City, his agent, if there be one, to appear before the City Council, at a designated session thereof to show cause, if any he have why such nuisance should not be abated, and such owner or agent if he appear at the time designated shall be heard

Sec 5 If at the session designated or at any subsequent one to which the matter may stand adjourned the City Council shall be of the opinion that the object complained of is a nuisance in whole or in part as herein defined, it shall so decree, and by an order entered upon its minutes shall order the owner to abate the same either by repairs or by demolition as to the Council may seem best, within a time to be specified in the order.

Sec 6 If at the expiration of the time specified in the order of the City Council the nuisance has not been abated, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to cause the same to be abated and the expense of such abatement shall be recovered of the owner of such nuisance in any Court of Competent Jurisdiction, and the owner or occupant in whole or in part of such nuisance shall be fined in any sum not less than Twenty five dollars nor more than One hundred dollars for each and every day after the time limited by the order of the Council for the abatement thereof, that such nuisance remains a nuisance as herein defined, and each day after said time specified for the abatement of such nuisance shall be deemed a separate offense. See p. 1409

Motion Sec'd & Carried, that the whole matter of bids heretofore made for the Construction of fire houses be tabled, and new bids invited -

The following Claims approved by the Finance Com'ee to wit:

El Paso Water Co. & hosing houses	40
J B Majors	35
L G Ellis	75
J T Smythe	15 85
A L Phillips	16
H. S. Thompson	36
Forward	141. 10

Brot Forward	141	10
Brush Electric Light Co.	235	
E O Dayer & Co	14	
Ino Kierski	6	10
Stuart & McNair	10	75
S H Wilson	25	10
Houck & Dieter	35	16
F P Brown	13	25
Total.	480	46

Motion Secd and Carried. that the sum of $480.46 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the appropriate ~~out~~ of the funds to pay above claims and the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer to cover.

Assessor & Collector Hilzinger presented a report of the Tax Rolls for the fiscal year segregated.

On motion Secd & Carried, the same was ordered filed and delivered to the City papers for publication.

The following claims referred to the Finance Committee, to wit:

Western Union Telegraph Co.	3	71
W A Vilas	2	
Times Pub Co.	13	50
Henry Bencke	96	69
" "	9	14

A communication from the Fire Dept was presented and read, asking for Supplies.

The same on Motion was referred to the Comee on Fire and Water.

A communication from the Grand Jury of El Paso County addressed to, Judge Falory in reference to the Mayor Opera House was presented and read.

Motion Secd and Carried that the same be stricken from the files

Motion Secd & Carried. that the subject

of a new charter for the City of El Paso. be made a special order for next friday evening Council adjourned.

R C Lightbody
Mayor

Attest
O B Beall
City Clk.

Council Room Nov 23 - 1888.
Regular meeting of the City Council.
Present. Mayor Lightbody. Councilmen Hagen. Johnson. Blacker. Freudenthal and Caples.
Reading of the minutes of preceeding meeting dispensed with.
The line defining the boundary between Texas and Mexico was discussed.
Motion Secd and Carried. that the Mayor appoint a Comee to report on the subject at next meeting.
The Mayor appointed Councilmen Hagen. Blacker and Caples upon said Comee.
Motion Secd & Carried. that the ordinance presented by the City Attorney at last meeting and recorded on pages 406 and 407. of this book. be adopted.
Motion Secd & Carried. That Sisto Alvarado be appointed Policeman for the Mexican portion of the City at a salary of 30.$ per month.
Motion Secd and Carried. that the report of Health Officer Goodell be received and that 5000 copies of the same be printed and distributed.
Motion Secd & Carried. that D Mackenzie be given credit of $102.20 on building account.
The following claims approved by

the Finance Committee, to wit

A Hudson	36.
Star Stables	4 75
Henry Benke	105 83
Times Pub Co	13 50
F K Smythe	3 35
A L Phillips	4
C E Jonson	32
Dr W M Yandell	8
Star Stables	6 30
W A Dilos	2
F B White	3 71
Wood Hudson	22 50
Total.	242 14

Motion, Sec'd & Carried, that the sum of $242 14 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the proper funds to pay above claims, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer to cover.

Motion Sec'd & Carried, that the City furnish fuel for the City Assessor & Collector's and the City Engineer's offices.

Motion, Sec'd & Carried, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to appoint four committees of Citizens consisting of three each, to report as to provisions of a new Charter of the City.

The Police Com'r returned the Marshal's report for October approved.

Motion Sec'd and Carried, that the report be received and filed.

Councilman Johnson stated, that citizens living in the neighborhood of Second and Campbell Sts needed water connection, and he thought a Hydrant should be put at said point.

Motion Sec'd & Carried, that the matter be referred to the Fire and Water Committee.

Dr Yandell Health Officer stated that the stand pipe on Texas street from which the St Sprinkler obtained water should have a waiste water connection with the Sewer System.
The same on motion was referred to the Health Committee.
Motion Secd and Carried that the Street Rwy Company be required to operate the Stanton Street Rwy line within 30 days otherwise the right of way to be declared forfeited by the Council.
Council adjourned

R C Lightbody
Mayor

Attest
O B Beall
City Clk.

Council Room Nov 30th 1888.

Regular meeting of the City Council.
Present. Councilmen Hague. Dolan. Johnson Blacker. Freudenthal. Caples. Detwiler and Schuster. City Attorney Caldwell. Marshal White. Clerk Beall.
On motion Carried. Councilman Blacker took the Chair.
Reading of the Minutes dispensed with the City Attorney read a report on the revision of the New Charter.
Motion Secd & Carried that the same be received, filed and published
Mayor Lightbody arrived and took the Chair.
The City Engineer made the following report, to wit:

El Paso Nov 23rd 1888.

To
The Honorable the Mayor and
City Council of El Paso
Gentlemen
I have to report

herewith the completion of grade maps of that portion of the City between El Paso and Crosby Streets and San Francisco and Sixth Streets, the plat of same being attached to this for your inspection. The plan is the same as those heretofore submitted making the intersections of streets level when possible I would recommend that these grades be adopted and made official.
The following monuments have been established and checked for angle and distance and can be accepted as correct.
Intersection of San Francisco and Santa Fé
" " " " " Chihuahua
" " " " " Leon.
" " " " " Durango
" " " " " Anthony
" " E. Sonora " Santa Fé
" " " " Chihuahua
" " W " " "
" " " " Durango.
" " " " Anthony
" " " Overland " "
" " Durango and 10th St. north of W. Sonora St
" " Anthony " " " " " " "

Respectfully
F. Ashton
City Eng.

Motion Sec. and Carried, that the report be received and adopted.
Motion Sec. and Carried, that the El Paso Water Co be requested to place a fire hydrant at the corner of Second and Kansas Streets.
The Health Committee presented an ordinance governing House connections with the Public Sewer. The same on motion was referred to the Committee on Ordinances and the Health Committee
Motion Sec. & Carried, that the Mayor

of having the Pest House repainted be referred to the Building Committee, with power to act.
Motion Secd and Carried, that Warrant No 178, on the General Fund for the sum of 75.$ issued 10/30 1888 in favor of H M Robertson for Storage of Sewer pipe, be Cancelled. and that a warrant for the sum of 100$ on the Sewer Fund in favor of Millard Patterson be issued in full settlement of said claim
The following claims approved by the Finance Comr. to wit:

E H Vogley		35
A Hudson	42	
El Paso Trans Co	15	
Mrs B Joy	3	50
Total.	60	85

Motion Secd & Carried that the sum of $60 85 be and the same is hereby appropriated to pay above claims and the Mayor is authorized to draw on the Treasurer to cover.
Councilman Johnson recommended that the City accept the proposition of El Paso County, that is to give the Cages belonging to the County in full settlement of the Claim against the County for burial &c of paupers.
Motion that the proposition be accepted, and the Chairman of the Police Comr authorized to have the Cages placed in the City Jail. Carried
Resignation of Lee Cartright as policeman read and on Motion Carried was accepted
Council adjourned
Attest
O B Beall City Clk

R C Lightbody
Mayor