took the prescribed oath of office and on the 17th day of October AD 1873. Hon Allen Blackmer and Dr T. Hayes took their oath of office and duly qualified as Aldermen of the City Council of El Paso City in the County of El Paso in the State of Texas

B S Dowell
Mayor of the City of El Paso

Mayor's Office City of El Paso
October 23d 1873

Meeting of 23d octr, 1873 Council met pursuant to Call for Special Business present the Hon B. S. Dowell Mayor and Alderman Jones, Hornick, & Evans - when the Council being Called to order - the following resolutions and Ordinances were passed

Resolution 1st Resolved by the Mayor and City Council that the Hon B. S. Dowell mayor of the City of El Paso be requested and hereby authorized to ascertain from the Sentinel Office of El Paso Texas the amount of the present Indebtedness of the City of El Paso to said Sentinel printing Office for all Work done up to the date of this resolution that he also learn at what rates the said office will do all the required and necessary printing for the City of El Paso, as may be ordered by the Mayor and Aldermans of Said City, and report at the next regular Meeting,

approved Octr 23d 1873

B B Dowell

Mayor of the City of El Paso

Ordinance. An Ordinance for the assessment of all the Real Estate situate in the Corporate Limits of the City of El Paso, and to authorize the appointment an assessor and Collector for said City –

Section 1st Be it and it is hereby ordained by the City Council of El Paso City that there be an assessment made of all the real Estate within the Corporate limits of the City of El Paso as laid down in the Charter of said City –

Section 2d That there be appointed an assessor and Collector for the said City of El Paso, whose duties shall be to make, first a just and equitable assessment of all the Real Estate within the Corporate limits of said City – 2d the said – assessor and Collector shall Collect all such Taxes as may be levied by the City Council and imediately or within forty Eight Hours after Collection pay into the City Treasury or to the Mayor all taxes by him Collected –

Section 3d That said assessor and Collector shall give bond as required by the City Charter, and upon failure to pay over the Monies by him Collected his bond shall be considered as forfeited, and put in suit before any Competent Court; and

the Said Assessor and Collector dismissed from Office

Section 4th That this ordinance take effect from and after its passage.

Approved Octr 23d 1873

B S Dowell
Mayor of the City of El Paso

Resolution, In Compliance with the Above Ordinance the Mayor Nominated Mr Geo Butterfield as assessor and Collector of Taxes for the City of El Paso, and the same being Concurred in by the Council he was declared assessor and Collector of Taxes for the City of El Paso upon his giving Bond as required by the City Charter and to be Commissioned as such.

Approved Octr 23d 1873

B S Dowell
Mayor of the City of El Paso

Resolution: Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of El Paso, that the Mayor be appointed to superintend and direct the work on the Public Acequias, And any money he may advance for that purpose, be refunded to him out of the first money collected, that he keep an account of each days work and report the same at a regular meeting of the Council, Approved Oct 23d 1873. B S Dowell
Mayor

An Ordinance to levy and Collect a tax on all the Real Estate within the Limits of the City of El Paso, for Acequia and other purposes.

Section 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of El Paso that there be a tax Levied and Collected for the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars for Work and repairs on the Public Acequia, and for other purposes,

Section 2d That said tax shall be levied and collected pro Rata upon the Assessed Value of all the Real Estate within the limits of the City of El Paso

Section 3d That the City assessor and Collector shall receive five per Cent on the amount by him Collected and paid into the City Treasury, in payment for his services as Assessor and Collector.

Section 4 That the Collection of said Taxes begin in two days after the assessment Rolls are made out and returned to the Mayors Office—

Section 5 That this Ordinance take effect five days after its passage

Approved Octr 28d 1873

B B Dowell

Mayor