

Adjourned regular meeting of City Council

Nov 15th 1881

Mayor L. M. Crooker presiding. Roll called. Present Aldermen Boardman, Duff, Platt, Robertson, Huppertz, Shehan and Tobin. Absent Aldermen Metz, Kacer and Hahrenberger. Quorum present.

The Mayor stated the Council was called together for the purpose of installing officers newly elected. The retiring mayor administered the oath of office to his successor Mr. W. A. Saylor, who then took his seat. Alderman Tobin moved the old council adjourn sine die. Carried. W. A. Saylor, as Mayor, then proceeded to administer the oath of office to other newly elected officers and aldermen, and called the new council to order. Present Aldermen Metz, Kinney, Cook, Schubert, Radkey, Huppertz, Mordler, Platt, Brueggerhoff and Wilson.

The following inaugural address was delivered by his honor, the Mayor.

Gentlemen of the City Council.

In assuming the duties of Mayor of the City of Austin, I desire to say that I am profoundly impressed with the responsibility of the position, and the difficulties that surround me and your honorable body. Like yourselves, I am a stranger to the future, but speaking alone for myself, I can say to you that I feel most sensibly the obligations assumed, and the arduous duties that devolve upon me. The care, protection and prosperity of the people are upon our hands; let us bury out of sight past differences and animosities and lend our efforts individually and collectively to the interest of the people who have chosen us to represent them and whose interests are entrusted to our hands.

Let us not forget the unfavorable auspices under which we find our city and her people, nor lag in our efforts to bring prosperity to rich and poor, high and low alike, and whatever sacrifices we may be called upon, personally as officials, to perform, let us do it like men, remembering only the important interests we represent.

In our deliberations let a spirit of harmony and fair dealing animate each one of us and if differences arise let them be settled harmoniously and honorably to all.

I beg to call your attention most especially to our city finances, and to say to you that, under the existing circumstances, all efforts tending towards economy and the material advancement of Austin and her citizens will meet with my most hearty approval and cooperation.

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Minutes of regular meeting Oct 3d 1881 read and approved

The mayor placed before the council, as nominee for city clerk, the name of J. W. Patterson, who was on motion unanimously confirmed. The following petition was read and, on motion of Alderman Platt granted To the city council of the city of Austin Gentlemen. I must respectfully request that the Hon Mayor W. A. Saylor, be empowered by you to grant me a reasonable time to make out a full report and to settle up my accounts and balance my books. I have been delayed in my work by severe illness. Had I been well this request would not have been made.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

E. B. Connell city-clerk

The mayor appointed the following standing committees:
 Finance - H. B. Kinney, W. Brueggerhoff and B. Radkey
 Fire Dept. - W. Brueggerhoff, B. Radkey and A. H. Cook Jr.
 Streets - R. Platt, H. B. Kinney and Ed. Huppertz.
 Ordinances - H. H. Moeller, A. B. Hoby and R. Platt.
 Market House - B. Radkey, W. Brueggerhoff and J. Schuber.
 Police - A. B. Hoby, R. Platt and H. H. Moeller.
 Printing - Ed. Huppertz, H. H. Moeller and H. B. Kinney.
 Cemetery - A. H. Cook Jr., H. G. Wilson and Ed. Huppertz.
 Charity - J. Schuber, W. Brueggerhoff and H. G. Wilson.

On motion council adjourned

signed E. B. Connell

city-clerk

