

Called meeting of the City Council
Austin Tex December 8th 1883.

Honorable A. R. Walker Judge of the 16th judicial district of Texas administered the oath of office to W. A. Saylor.

Hon W A Saylor as Mayor then administered the oath of office to the newly elected Board of Aldermen, and then notified them that they were called together for the purpose of electing officers of the City of Austin.

Roll call present Aldermen Schneider, Sutton, Pilow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubert, Underhill, Hoas, Robertson, J. W., Driskill, Crocker, Abel, Carrington, Robertson, ^{J. B.} Hill, Hall, Plath, Erwin, Brush and Brennan.

The following message was received from His Honor the Mayor Alderman Plath moved that the message be printed and that each member of the Council be furnished with a copy motion adopted.

Mayor's office

Austin Dec 8th 1883

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Austin

Gentlemen. I congratulate you upon your election to the legislative body representing the Capitol City of Texas and of Austin. upon selecting a body representative men such as I believe you to be. In entering upon the ^{official} discharge of your duties I feel that each of you with myself are impressed with the importance of the task before us. The many questions that must arise affecting the City's interest will demand a carefulness and mature judgment that our people justly expect and hope from us.

The healthy condition of our City finances place us in a more favorable condition

than our predecessors I trust we may be able to take advantage of this opportunity to use every available dollar for the improvements of our streets and bridges and other necessary improvements.

The sanitary condition of our City requires and I feel assured will receive at your hands full consideration. In this connection I desire to commend to your earnest attention the subject of sewerage. I believe it actually necessary that we should keep pace with our sister cities upon this subject and I respectfully request that you authorize the appointment of an additional committee to be known as the sewerage committee with instructions to fully investigate the subject and report the result to the Council. I also recommend a committee on water and gas to whom all matters pertaining to these subjects can be referred and fully investigated as their importance demand.

The question of additional cemetery accommodation is one of much importance and will require your early attention. The encroachment of the present cemetery upon the eastern portion of the City has become a matter of much and just complaint from citizens in that locality and like other cities similarly situated, the City will soon be called upon to remove at least a portion of its dead or have them surrounded by dwellings and other improvements which are now gradually growing in that direction.

The new City and County Hospital is now under contract to be completed before the day of next suitable regulations for its government and insuring its successful management must be adopted and a hospital committee should be selected whose duty would be to look after it and from time to time recommend to your honorable body such matters pertaining to it as their judgment might deem necessary. I sincerely trust a spirit of harmony may pervade among your body and that our official relations may always remain pleasant.

Very Respectfully
W. A. Taylor Mayor

The mayor notified the Council that the first business would be to ~~decide~~ the long and short term of aldermen.

The following named aldermen drew the two year term Aldermen J P Schneider L Hancock B E. Wells J. Schuber J. W. Robertson J. W. Duskell A Carrington R. J. Hill R Platt and W B Brush

The following named aldermen drew the one year term W J Raton B. S. Pillow J. J. Campbell M. Kaas R B Underhill L. M. Crooker J. M. Wells S L. Robertson W^m Erwin and W^m Brinnen

Alderman S L. Robertson moved to adjourn until next Monday night motion lost

Alderman Platt moved that the Chair appoint 12 aldermen as tellers for the evening and that the Council proceed to elect a recorder motion adopted

Aldermen Kaas and Hill were appointed as teller

The following names were placed in nomination for the position of Recorder

W^m Von Rosenberg Jr. C. D. Johns W^m Bacon and R Kraus

On the first ballot C. D. Johns received 11 votes W^m Von Rosenberg Jr. 5 votes W^m Bacon & R Kraus 4. C. D. Johns having received a majority of all votes cast was declared by the Mayor to be duly elected recorder of the City of Austin for the ensuing two years.

The motion to proceed to elect a City attorney was adopted and the following names were placed in nomination George F. Pendexter and W. R. Walton On the first ballot G F Pendexter received thirteen votes W R Walton seven votes G F Pendexter having received a majority vote of the Council was declared by the Mayor to be duly elected City attorney for the ensuing two years.

The motion to proceed to elect a city Clerk was adopted and the following names were placed in nomination J L Purnell Mat Johnson J R Shipman

On the first ballot J L Purnell received twelve
votes Mat Johnson seven votes Shipman one vote
J L Purnell having received a majority vote
of the Council was declared by the Mayor to be
duly elected City Clerk for the ensuing two years

The motion to adjourn until next Monday night
was lost

The motion to proceed to elect a City Marshal
was adopted and the following names were
placed in nomination J W Moore J T W Lee
R Platt Ben Thompson E Rousseau Ed Creary E
Wesells W. S. Barrow John P Kirk Groome Lee
and A. O. Cloud, The motion to drop the names of candidates receiving the lowest
vote was adopted

On the first ballot.	second ballot	third ballot	4 ballot	5 ballot	6 ballot
J W Moore. received 1	one				
J. T. W. Lee " 2	one	two			
Groome Lee " 6	eight	six	seven	nine	eight
Ed Rousseau " 2	three	four	two	three	three
Ed Creary " 1	one	one	two		
E Wesells " none					
Ben Thompson " 3	two	two	two	two	two
R Platt " 3	three	three	three	four	four
W. S. Barrow none					
J P Kirk " 2	two	two	four	two	two
A. O. Cloud none					

One alderman not voting
one alderman not voting
one alderman not voting
one alderman not voting
one alderman not voting
one alderman not voting

On the seventh ballot Groome Lee 8 Ed
Rousseau 4 R Platt 4 J P Kirk 3 one alderman not
voting

Eighth ballot Groome Lee 8 Ed Rousseau 5 R Platt 6.
one alderman not voting

Ninth ballot Groome Lee 10 votes R Platt 9 votes one
alderman not voting

The motion to proceed to elect a city Treasurer
was adopted and the following names were placed
in nomination H Guenther J. W. Howard J Shynick
and J. C. Illingworth. On the first ballot H Guenther
received 3 votes J W Howard 14. J Shynick 2
J. C. Illingworth 7. vote of J W Howard having
received a majority vote of the Council the
Mayor declared him duly elected City Treasurer
for the ensuing two years.

The motion to proceed to elect a city Physician was adopted and the following names were placed in nomination of Cummings w^h Burt. On the first ballot of Cummings received 8 votes and w^h Burt 17 votes w^h Burt having received a majority vote of the Council was declared by the Mayor to be duly elected City Physician for the ensuing two years.

The council then proceeded to elect a City Engineer and the following names were placed in nomination of K P Mc Fall A C Weeks Cooper, C. Campbell and Rubin Ford

On the first ballot of K P Mc Fall received 16 votes A. C. Weeks none C. C. Campbell one Rubin Ford 3 of K P Mc Fall having received a majority vote was declared by the Mayor to be duly elected City Engineer for the ensuing two years.

The motion to proceed to elect an assessor and collector was adopted and the name of Fred Stiering was placed in nomination

An motion the City Clerk was authorized to cast the vote of the Council for Fred Stiering. Fred Stiering having received the unanimous vote of the Council was declared duly elected City assessor and Collector for the ensuing two years.

The Mayor placed in nomination the name of C. L. Kirschke as City Sexton

The clerk was authorized to cast the vote of the Council for C. L. Kirschke

C. L. Kirschke having received the unanimous vote of the Council was declared by the Mayor to be duly elected City Sexton for two years ensuing

Alderman J W Robertson moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three to fix the salaries and bonds of City officers motion adopted. His honor appointed as the Committee J W Robertson Adell and Bruck. Alderman Hill moved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three on rules motion adopted the Mayor appointed as the Committee Alderman Hill Knas and Croker no motion the Council adjourned until Monday Dec 10 1883
J L Quinell City Clerk

Adjourned Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas December 10th 1883
Hon W A Daylor Mayor Presiding

Roll call present aldermen Schneider Sutor Hill
Hancock Pellow Wells Campbell Schuler and Underhill
Maas Robertson J. W. Dickell Crooker Odell Robertson & L.
Hill Clark Erwin Bush Brunner
Absent Alderman Carrington

Alderman Clark moved that the Mayor declare the
Election of Groome Sr City Marshal motion adopted
Groome Sr having received a majority vote of the
Council was declared by the Mayor to be duly elected
City Marshal for two years ensuing

The Mayor presented the official bond of H. S. Sr
City Marshal signed by H. S. Sr. as principal
and George L. Robertson Joseph Sr. Will C. Kreisle W.
M. Hornsby J. A. Bornefeld and A. P. Woolard as sureties
the Council accepted the bond and authorized the
Mayor to approve the same

The special committee to whom was referred the
matter of fixing the bonds and salaries of City officers
submitted the following report which adopted.

Austin Dec 10 1883

Hon W. A. Daylor Mayor of the City of Austin

Sir Your committee appointed at the meeting
of the City Council December 8th 1883 to consider
the matter of fixing the compensation of the
officers and employees of the City for the present
term and to enquire what officers should give bonds
and the amount of such bonds beg leave to report
that they have carefully considered said matters
and return herewith an ordinance fixing the com-
pensation of the officers and employees of the City
for the present term which embodies the views of
your committee we believe that just fair and
just compensation should be paid to every officer
and employe of the City and that faithful service
should be exacted in return We have had this end
in view in fixing the amounts in the accompanying
Ordinance and recommend that the same do pass

your committee find ^{that} ample provision is made by ordinance for the bonds of the Treasurer Assessor and Collector Marshal Clerk Engineer and Sexton and see no occasion for any change in either the amounts or conditions of said bonds as now provided by ordinance.

Respectfully submitted

J. W. Robertson

J. M. Odell

W. B. Brush

Committee

The special committee submitted an ordinance entitled an ordinance fixing the compensation of Officers and employees of the City of Austin for the present term. The ordinance provides that the officers of the City shall receive the maximum salaries provided by the City Charter. The Sexton two hundred and fifty dollars per annum. The Sargent of Police \$1080. Mounted Police \$876. Regular Police \$790. Engineers of the fire department \$790. Drivers and hostlers of the fire department \$790. City Porter \$460. Cartdriver and street sweep \$480. The ordinance was read second time under suspension of the rules.

Alderman Hancock offered the following amendment which was lost.

That the engineer shall receive an annual salary of \$900. That the City Treasurer shall receive an annual salary of \$400. That the City Sexton shall receive an annual salary of \$750 and such fees as the Council shall hereafter fix. That the City Clerk shall receive an annual salary of \$900. That the assessor and collector shall receive an annual salary of \$1200.

Hon. L. M. Crooker in the Chair

On motion the Council went into a committee of the whole.

The Committee of the whole reported by amendments to section 10 providing that the City Sexton shall receive such fees as the City Council may hereafter fix. ~~section 15~~ Changing the salary of Drivers and hostlers of the fire department from \$790 to \$480 per annum. Section 16 changes the salary of the City Porter from \$380 to \$480 per annum. The report of the

committee was adopted the ordinance as amended was read and then read third time under suspension of the rule and passed by the following vote yeas Aldermen Schneider Dutor Pillow Hancock Wells Campbell Schaber Underhill Maas J. W. Robertson Driskill Crooker Cull B. B. Robertson Hill Plath Erwin Bruckh Brunner

The special committee on rules submitted the following report which was adopted

To the Hon W. A. Baylor Mayor
Your select committee to whom was referred the subject of rules of order of the City Council and the recommendations in the message of the mayor concerning new subjects requiring the services of additional standing committees have considered the same and beg leave to report the following recommendation

That the rules of order as published with the Charter and revised ordinances of the City of Austin and entitled "Rules of order of the City Council of the City of Austin, except rule XX. Twenty be adopted for the government of the order of business and proceeding of the Council

That the following additional rule be adopted Rule twenty The following standing committees each consist of three members shall be appointed by the mayor at the first meeting after each biennial election and the first named on each shall be the Chairman

- 1 Streets alleys etc
- 2 Fire Department
- 3 Finance and Revenue
- 4 Markets
- 5 Police
- 6 Printing
- 7 Cemetery
- 8 Charity
- 9 Ordinances
- 10 Hospital
- 11 Water and Gas
- 12 Sewerage

when a vacancy occurs on any standing committee the same shall be filled by appointment of the Mayor at the earliest practicable meeting of the City Council thereafter

Select committees unless otherwise ordered shall consist of three members

Reports of committees shall be in writing and signed by all members concurring therein

R. J. Hill Chairman

L. M. Crooker

M. Maas

Hon W. A. Daylor, Mayor Presiding

Alderman Hill moved that the Council adopt rule xx twenty as amended motion carried

The special committee on rules submitted the following report which was adopted

To the Hon W A Daylor Mayor of the City of Austin

Your select committee on rules of procedure and order of business to whom was referred the question as to the power of the Council to elect a president of the Board of Aldermen as required by article 18 of the revised ordinances of the City of Austin in view of the provisions of the amendments of the Charter, have considered the same and beg leave to report that they find that article 7 of the Charter of 1873 appears to be the only express Charter authority for the office in question but the Committee is of the opinion that the repeal of said article by the recent amendments of the Charter does not repeal said article 18 of said ordinance because the same is not in the opinion of your committee repugnant to the provisions of the Charter as now amended

R. J. Hill chairman

L. M. Crooker

M. Maas

Alderman Sutor offered the following resolution which was adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council

of the City of Austin

That a leave of absence of thirty days is hereby granted to Hon W A Baylor Mayor which shall commence at a time to be designated by him

The motion that the Council proceed to elect a president of the Board of Aldermen. was adopted and the names of Aldermen Platt and J. W. Robertson were placed in nomination Alderman J. W. Robertson having received a majority vote of the Council was elected President of the Board of Aldermen.

The Mayor placed in nomination the name of John Chennerville as Sergeant of Police on motion the nomination was confirmed by acclamation

An ordinance fixing the number of Police men to be employed in the City was read first time and then referred to the Police committee

Alderman Brush introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract for lamps electric or gas lights to be used on the streets during the extra session of the legislature Read and referred to the Committee on Gas and Water

Alderman Maas introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to contract with the Austin Gaslight and Coal company for lighting of the streets for a term of three months The ordinance was read first time and then referred to the Committee on Gas and Water

Honor the Mayor appointed the following standing committees

Streets R Platt J. W. Driskill and W B Brush

Fire Department W B Brush L. M. Crooker W. J. Lusk

Finance J. M. Odell Max Maas Louis Hancock

- 4 Market House J. W. Driskill T. J. Campbell and
 A. S. Pillow
 5 Police J. P. Schneider Wm Brennen & R. J. Hill
 6 Printing May Meads. J. W. Robertson & B. C. Wells
 7 Cemetery Wm Erwin R. B. Underhill and J. M. Odell
 8 Ordinances J. W. Robertson R. J. Hill & R. B. Underhill

On Motion the Council adjourned

J. L. Purnell
 City Clerk