

Called meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas Dec. 11th 1885.

Hon J. W. Robertson, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call - Present:

Aldermen Pillow, Hancock, Wells, Campbell, Schubar, Warren, Crooker, Odell, Carrington, Helman, Hill, Platt, Ervin and Brennan. - 14.

Absent:

Aldermen Metz, Schneider, Underhill, Maas, Driskill and Brush. - 6.

Call of Council

On motion of alderman Crooker a call of the Council was ordered and the marshal sent after the absentees. Aldermen Brush and Metz came in and answered to their names.

On motion of alderman Crooker the call of the Council was suspended.

The following call was read:

To the members of the City Council of the City Austin:

The call

Gentlemen - I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to assemble this Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of making appropriations for certain unpaid accounts, and also to open the returns and declare the result of the late election for City Officers, and to provide for the installment of the Officers elected, and also to transact such other business as may there be brought before you.

Very Respectfully,

J. W. Robertson Mayor.

The motion, that the Council proceed to canvass the returns from the election held December 7th, 1885, for Mayor and Aldermen was adopted.

Motion to canvass

returns of election

His Honor appointed as the Committee to Canvass the returns Aldermen Hancock, Campbell and Hill.

Election returns

(12)

The Committee have and reported that the returns from the ninth ward were not signed by the judges of election.

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in ward
returned
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adopted
and upon
the committee
submitted

Alderman Hill moved as the judges of said Ward election were present that they come forward and amend the returns. Motion adopted.

The returns being signed by D. C. Sandle J. L. Gannaway and W. E. Risher, election judges of the ninth ward. The motion to accept and act upon the amended returns was adopted

The Committee submitted a verbal report on the vote cast for Aldermen, showing that

J. P. Schneider received the highest number of votes cast in 1st Ward

C. E. Anderson	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2nd "
G. A. Brush	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	3rd "
J. Schuber	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	4th "
E. Warren	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	5th "
W. B. Wertham	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	6th "
Dennis Cerwin	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7th "
J. C. DeGress	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	8th "
J. Cummings	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	9th "
W. B. Walker	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	10th "

Aldermen
declared elected

His Honor, the mayor, declared that the above named persons were elected aldermen of the City of Austin for the next ensuing two years.

Ald. Crocker in
chair

Alderman Crocker, president of the board of aldermen in the chair.

The Committee submitted the following report which was adopted.

To the Hon J. W. Robertson, Mayor:

Committee report
on election

The undersigned Committee, appointed to act as tellers for the Council in canvassing the returns of the election held Dec. 7, 1885, by leave to report that the results of said election is correctly set forth in the following tally sheets made by them, to-wit:

The votes for aldermen were as follows:

First Ward.

J. P. Schneider	185
Constanti Curcio	<u>141</u>
Schneider's majority	44

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Second Ward,		
	Chas. E. Anderson	103
	W. J. Sheehan	<u>81</u>
	Anderson's majority	22
Third Ward,		
	Geo. A. Brush	90
	B. C. Wells	<u>77</u>
	Brush's majority	13
Fourth Ward,		
	J. Schuber	145
	J. Goodman	<u>1</u>
	Schuber's majority	144
Fifth Ward,		
	G. Warren	158
	Albert Townsend	1
	Aug Stuppertz	<u>1</u>
	Warren's majority	157
Sixth Ward,		
	W. B. Wertham	131
	J. W. Driskill	<u>75</u>
	Werthams majority	56
Seventh Ward,		
	Dennis Corwin	189
	T. F. Purnell	64
	Albert Carrington	<u>161</u>
	Corwin's plurality	28
Eighth Ward,		
	J. C. DeGress	180
	Chas McAnally	134
	D. C. Dunn	<u>40</u>
	DeGress' plurality	46
Ninth Ward,		
	J. Cummings	194
	R. Platt	<u>132</u>
	Cummings majority	62
Tenth Ward,		
	W. B. Walker	213
	W. B. Brush	<u>163</u>
	Walker's majority	50

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Votes for mayor are as follows:

	J. W. Robertson	Joe Nalle
1st ward	154	177
2nd "	128	64
3rd "	42	80
4th "	103	59
5th "	119	48
6th "	148	61
7th "	223	205
8th "	176	178
9th "	126	207
10th "	<u>121</u>	<u>259</u>
	1390	1338

Robertson's majority, 52

For three trustees of Austin public schools,
votes are as follows:

A. J. Wooldridge,

1st Ward	221
2nd "	174
3rd "	139
4th "	143
5th "	134
6th "	188
7th "	358
8th "	268
9th "	242
10th "	<u>329</u>
	2196

A. B. Kinney,

1st Ward	115
2nd "	64
3rd "	42
4th "	29
5th "	25
6th "	21
7th "	62
8th "	105
9th "	109
10th "	<u>172</u>
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D. W. Loom,

1st Ward	52
2nd "	102
3rd "	87
4th "	49
5th "	56
6th "	132
7th "	83
8th "	89
9th "	83
10th "	<u>83</u>
	816

J. W. Graham,

1st Ward	173
2nd "	75
3rd "	68
4th "	106
5th "	114
6th "	150
7th "	254
8th "	217
9th "	163
10th "	<u>90</u>
	1408

R. J. Hill,

1st Ward	61
2nd "	61
3rd "	42
4th "	24
5th "	31
6th "	25
7th "	145
8th "	69
9th "	82
10th "	<u>109</u>
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J. M. Brackenridge,

1st Ward	140
2nd "	65
3rd "	69
4th "	49
5th "	33
6th "	36
7th "	166
8th "	155
9th "	164
10th "	<u>259</u>
	1136

Wm Metz,

1st Ward	58
2nd "	10
3rd "	29
4th "	61
5th "	54
6th "	36
7th "	136
8th "	104
9th "	64
10th "	<u>25</u>

Elected,

A. P. Wooldridge	2196
J. W. Graham	1408
J. M. Brackenridge	1136

Respectfully submitted.

Lewis Hancock
T. J. Campbell
R. J. Hill

Mayer in Chair

J. W. Robertson, -mayer, in the Chair.

The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Resolution - Aldermen

come forward

to take

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the aldermen elected at the election held in the City of Austin on the 7th day of December, 1885, be and they are hereby requested to come forward at once and qualify by taking the Oath of Office. This resolution will be notice to each Alderman. The Aldermen elect for the ensuing year come forward to take the oath of office.

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Protests The following protests against J. C. DeGross and G. A. Brush qualifying as members of the board of Aldermen, were read:

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of Austin:

I hereby

Notice of Contest

give notice to your honorable body that I propose to Contest the right of the Hon Jacob C. DeGross to occupy a seat in your honorable body as the alderman of ward No. 8 of said City on two grounds, viz:

First, That the said DeGross is not eligible to the office, and second, he has not been elected by a majority of the qualified electors of the ward.

I propose to Contest this upon grounds of which I will give J. C. DeGross notice and furnish him fully with the grounds of my Contest in accordance with the Charter and the Ordinances of said City.

Your Obedt Servant,

Chas McAnally,
Per Miller, Saterfield & Brown,
attys for Pet.

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To the honorable City Council of the City of Austin:

Wells notice of Contest

I hereby give notice that I will Contest the election of Geo A Brush to the office of Alderman of the third ward of said City at the election held on December 7th 1885, in manner provided by the Charter and Ordinances of said City.

B. C. Wells

Roll in volume

The mayor administered the oath of office to all of the Aldermen elected.

Roll roll

Roll Call Present:

(Aldermen) Met, Schneider, Pillow, Anderson, Campbell, Brown, Jackson, Anderson, Mass, Marston, Conner, Korb, Child, Cannon, Horner, DeGross, Brown, Cummings, Johnson and Walker. Alderman Conner moved that the Mayor J. W. Robinson, read the roll of office.

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motion adopted and oath of office administered by Mr. O. Archer, a notary-public.

The following message of the mayor was read:

Gentlemen of the City Council:

A new administration of the municipal government of the City of Austin is inaugurated this evening. For the second time I have been honored by the people by election to this office. I come to this office again as I came to it before, free and untrammelled, and without a single promise or obligation of a private character to fulfill. I have no friends to reward and no enemies to punish; I enter upon the duties of the office free from favoritism and free from prejudice. I have but one desire, and that is to faithfully and impartially discharge the trust confided to me, and thereby to promote the welfare, happiness and progress of this City and its people.

I feel confident that I address a body of men actuated by like motives and impulses as my own, and that our efforts will all center in a common object and end.

Under the Charter, you are vested with great powers I shall at all times respect. It shall be my earnest desire to act in harmony with you in all matters of public interest, and I shall expect to be met in a like conservative and liberal spirit. If our joint action is guided by wise counsels, we cannot fail to accomplish much for the welfare and development of this City.

The election of officers of the City devolves upon you, and let me urge upon you to select in every instance the very best man available for the position.

The election is now over and partisanship is ended. We represent the whole people and not a mere faction, and let our action be broad, liberal and patriotic.

I shall at an early day lay before you such suggestions as I desire to make as to such measures as in my judgment require immediate action, and I trust that our official intercourse may prove pleasant to us and profitable to the people whose interests we represent.

Alderman Warren introduced the following which was adopted: Be it resolved by the City Council

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of the City of Austin, that the City Council do now proceed to elect officers by ballot in the following order:

1. Recorder.
2. City Attorney.
3. " Clerk.
4. " Treasurer.
5. " Engineer.
6. Assessor and Collector.
7. City Marshal.
8. " Physician.

Nominations for recorder:

C. D. Johns, W. Van Rosenberg.

Election Recorder

C. D. Johns received on first ballot 12 votes, Wm Van Rosenberg received 7 votes and S. Ruggles received one vote.

C. D. Johns having received a majority of votes cast was declared elected for the next succeeding two years.

Nominations for City Attorney:

George F. Pendexter,

Gardner Ruggles.

First ballot:

Election City atty.

Geo F. Pendexter 11 votes. Gardner Ruggles 9 votes. G. F. Pendexter having received a majority of votes cast, was declared elected.

Nominations for City Clerk:

T. L. Purnell, Milton

Election City Clerk

Morris. First ballot, T. L. Purnell 10 votes Milton Morris 10 votes. Second ballot Milton Morris 11 votes T. L. Purnell 9 votes. Milton Morris having received a majority of votes cast, was declared elected.

Nominations for City Treasurer:

J. W. Howard,

Wm Stacey, J. S. Myrick. First ballot,

Election City Treas.

J. W. Howard 16 votes
Wm Stacey 1 "
J. S. Myrick 3 "

J. W. Howard, having received a majority of votes cast, was declared duly elected.

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Nominations for City engineer:

City Engineer

H. C. F. Schmidt, Carl Myer.

J. K. P. McFall

First ballot,

J. K. P. McFall	17	Votes
H. C. F. Schmidt	1	"
Carl Myer	2	"

J. K. P. McFall, having received a majority of votes cast, was declared duly elected.

Nominations for assessor and collector:

Assr & Collr elected.

Fred

Sterzing, M. M. Johnson, and Max Maas.

Fred Sterzing received on the first ballot 4 votes, second ballot 7 votes.

M. M. Johnson on the first ballot 6 votes second ballot 3 votes. Max Maas on first ballot 10 votes second ballot 10 votes.

Third ballot, Max Maas 9 votes

Fred Sterzing " 9 "

M. M. Johnson " 2 "

Drop lowest Candidate

The motion to drop the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes was adopted. Fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh ballot,

M. Maas 10 votes.

F. Sterzing 10 "

Eighth ballot,

Max Maas 11 votes

F. Sterzing 9 "

A + Collr elected

Max Maas having received a majority of votes cast, was declared duly elected.

Nominations for City marshal:

City Marshal elected.

A. P. Foster, W. M. Robinson, Wm Bailes and H. White. First ballot,

J. E. Lucy received 12 votes

A. P. Foster " 8 "

Wm Bailes " 0 "

H. White " 0 "

J. E. Lucy, having received a majority of votes cast, was declared duly elected.

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Nominations for City physician:
Fisher.

R.D. Graves F.P. McLaughlin

Fisher.

(Alderman Metz, on account of sickness, was excused from further attendance during this meeting.)

First ballot,

R.D. Graves	received	8	votes
C.E. Fisher	"	6	"
F. McLaughlin	"	5	"
J.J. Bennett	"	1	vote

Second ballot,

R.D. Graves	"	10	votes
C.E. Fisher	"	5	"
F. McLaughlin	"	5	"

Third ballot,

R.D. Graves	"	11	"
C.E. Fisher	"	5	"
F. McLaughlin	"	3	"

City Physician
elected

R.D. Graves, having received a majority of votes cast, was declared duly elected.

Nominations for City Sexton:

C.L. Nitschke, & C

Sandle. First ballot,

C.L. Nitschke	received	13	votes
A.C. Sandle	"	6	"

Sexton elected

C.L. Nitschke, having received a majority of votes cast, was declared duly elected.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. L. Purnee
City Clerk