

Called meeting of the City Council

Nov 19th 1881

Mayor H. C. Saylor presiding

Roll called Present Alderman
Ketz, Kinney, Cook, Schuler, Bragg, Schiff
Ridkey, Huppertz, Koeller, Platt and Wilson.
Quorum present.

The Mayor stated the Council was called together for the purpose of appointing and confirming city officers, and to consider financial matters.

The minutes of meeting Nov 18th were read and approved.

The Mayor administered the oath of office to J. H. Howard, City Treasurer.

Alderman Ketz moved that the Council proceed to elect its President. Carried.

Aldermen Platt, Koeller and Kinney were nominated.

Aldermen Ketz, Huppertz and Cook were appointed tellers for the evening.

On the second ballot Alderman Platt having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

The Mayor placed before the Council the names of Drs Cummings, Salomon and Matthews for City Physician. On the tenth ballot Dr Cummings having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected.

The Mayor placed before the Council as nominees for Market Master and Health Officer the name of J. E. McCormick.

On motion of Alderman Kinney the Council went into executive session to act upon nominations.

On motion of Alderman Platt the Council decided to do away with the office of Market Master and Health Officer, and to postpone further action on the matter until the City Attorney can draw up an ordinance to that effect.

W. H. Calhoun was nominated for City Auditor and rejected.

The Mayor nominated John Chonville

for Sergeant of the Police. who was on motion of Alderman Metz confirmed by acclamation.

The Mayor placed before the Council the names of twenty-two applicants for positions on the police force. The following were selected and on motion of Alderman Metz confirmed by acclamation:

R. J. Stewart, A. J. Thorp, E. R. Oberwiler,
Geo. Hutchinson, Lewis Morris, H. G. Kadmon,
C. H. Randolph, J. L. Hato, L. C. Lock,
C. H. Binkley and J. W. LaRue.

The following resolution was presented and read. Resolved. That no policeman shall be detailed as day clerk, but said duties shall be performed by the City clerk, and be it further resolved that all policemen confirmed by the City Council shall be required to wear their uniforms while on duty.

Alderman Cook moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion lost.

The Mayor nominated for City Sexton Mr. C. L. Fitch who was on motion of Alderman Metz confirmed by acclamation.

Mr. H. Thompson was nominated for pound master. Alderman Schuber moved that this office be abolished and that the City attorney be requested to draw up an ordinance to that effect. Carried.

On motion Alderman Metz was allowed to retire.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council as members of the Austin Board of Health:

Drs. J. W. McLaughlin, A. H. L. Bibb, G. J. Huxelberg, and H. J. Madson.

The City Marshal and City assessor and collector presented their official bonds. On motion of Alderman Schuber they were approved and accepted.

Mr. F. B. Foster presented an account for one thousand and five dollars for expenses and services rendered while acting as finance agent of the City of Austin under Mayor Crocker.

On motion the account was referred to the finance committee.

An Ordinance - Repealing Art. 340 (1)
 of the Revised City Ordinances, passed Feb 16 1878
 Section 1 Be it ordained by the City Council
 of the City of Austin, That Article 340 (1)
 of the revised Ordinances of the City of
 Austin be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordinance read first time
 Alderman Platt moved to suspend the rules
 and place the ordinance on its second reading
 Lost by the following vote.

Ayes Aldermen Kinney, Schuler, Brueggerhoff,
 Platt and Wilson.
 Nays Aldermen Cook, Radkey, Huppertz
 and Horrell.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. H. Patterson
 City Clerk

