



City of Austin – Minute Book E – Nov.15, 1881 to July 7, 1884
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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 Valle and Wahrenberger. 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 seal. Alderman Tobin moved the old council adjourn sine dis. 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, Schuber, Radkey, Huppertz, Moeller, 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 revolve 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 and her people, nor lag in our efforts to bring prosperity to rich and poor, high and low alike, and what ever 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 lending towards economy and the material advancement of Austin and her citizens will meet with my most hearty approval and cooperation.

Regular meeting

Minutes of regular meeting oct 3d 1881 read and approved

The mayor placed before the council, as nominee for city clerk, the name of G. 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, to be empowered by you to grant me a reasonable time to make our 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 svt

E. B. Connell city clk

The mayor appointed the following standing committees

Finance - H. B. Kinney, Wm Brueggerhoff and B. Radkay

Fire Dept - Wm Brueggerhoff, B. Radkey and A.H. Cook Jr.

Streets - R. Platt, H.B. Kinney and Ed Huppertz.

Ordinances-H W Moeller, N.B. Metz and R. Platt.

Market House - B. Radkey, Wm. Brueggerhoff and J Schuber.

Police - N.B. Metz, R Platt and H.W. Moeller.

Printing - Ed Huppertz, H W Moeller and H B Kinney.

Cimetary A.H. Cook Jr, W.G. Wilson and Ed Huppertz.

Charity - J Schuber, Wm Brueggerhoff and W.G. Wilson.

On motion council adjourned.

signed E. B. Connell

City clerk