

Minutes of a called meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Tex., December 7, 1889.

Hon. Joseph Valle, Mayor, presiding.

Roll

Roll Call. Present - Aldermen.

Graham, Jones, Lawrence, Linn, Metz, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Pillow, Platt, Townsend, Wilson, Wartham, Ziller - 17.

Call.

Absent - Alderman.

DeGress, Haigler, Schneider, 3.

The minutes of the last meeting of the City Council were adopted as printed.

Call of

The following Calls were then read:

Council.

{ Mayor's Office,
Austin, Texas, Dec. 7, 1889. }

By authority of Article 8, Section 1, of the City Charter, and in obedience to the requirements of Article 25, revised Ordinances, of the City, I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council, to meet in the Council Chamber at the City Hall this day, at 8:30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the late election, and declaring the result thereof, and making arrangements for the installation of the officers elect, and for the further purpose of making appropriations, and paying such bills against the City remaining unpaid, and such other business as may come before the Council in closing the business of this administration.

Joseph Valle,
Mayor.

Austin, Tex., December, 7, 1889.

To the members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:- We the undersigned members of the City Council of the City of Austin, hereby call a special meeting of the City Council to meet at the Council rooms on this the 7th day of December, A. D. 1889, at 8:30 p.m., for the purpose of electing the following City officers, to-wit: Assessor and Collector of taxes, a recorder, a City Marshal, a treasurer, a City Physician, a City Clerk, a City Attorney, a City Engineer and City Sexton.

F. S. Morris, H. A. Linn.

Election returns. Alderman Pillow moved that a Committee of three be appointed to canvass the returns of the election which was held on the 2^d day of December, 1889. Adopted. The Mayor the appointed Aldermen Pillow, Wartham, and Newton as such Committee. While the canvass was proceeding, the Committee reported that the returns of the Ninth ward were in the ballot box of that ward. On motion, the Committee was instructed to open the said box in the presence of the Council, and take therefrom the missing returns.

The motion was adopted and complied with. Aldermen DeBress and Schneider entered and answered to their names.

Schneider Apprd. accts. Aldermen Wartham introduced An Ordinance, appropriating the sum of \$688.92, for the purpose of paying approved accounts. It was read the first time, and under suspension of the rules, passed by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen -
Assmann,
Beland, DeBress, Graham, Jones, Lawrence, Linn, Metz,
Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Pillow, Platt,
Schneider, Townsend, Wilson, Wartham, Ziller - 19.

Election- result of The Committee appointed to canvass the returns, submitted the following report, which was confirmed. Hon. Jos. Nalle, Mayor:

We find, after canvassing the returns, that the following is the result of the vote cast at the election held on Dec. 2, '89:

For Mayor -
John McDonald, 1534
Joseph Nalle, 1030
McDonald's majority 504

For School Trustees -
J. W. Graham 1676
Jas. W. Smith 2336
W. J. Mathews 2406
J. C. DeBress 933

For Aldermen - First Ward.
J. P. Schneider 146
Patrick Scott 93
Schneider's majority 53

" Second Ward.
 C. B. Anderson 137
 A. A. Achilles 52
 Anderson's majority 85

Third Ward.
 Fred Carleton 109
 Frank Covert 73
 Carleton's majority 36

Fourth Ward.
 Joe Schuber 91
 D. M. Wilson 86
 Schuber's majority 5

Fifth Ward.
 H. A. Linn 115
 Max Maas 42
 Linn's majority 73

Sixth Ward.
 J. L. Hume 229

Seventh Ward.
 G. F. Assmann 214
 W. D. Patten 212
 Frank Heierman 9
 Assmann's plurality 2

" Eighth Ward.
 J. W. Phillips 178
 J. C. De Dress 117
 Phillips majority 61

Ninth Ward.
 M. Boland 157
 J. Cummings 103
 Boland's majority 54

Tenth Ward.
 J. A. Jackson 145
 Floyd McGowan 168
 Jackson's majority 27

B. D. Filleau, Chairman,

A. H. Newton,

W. B. Northam. Committee.

" Mayor Kalle then declared John McDonald duly elected Mayor of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years, and messrs. J. W. Graham, Jas. W. Smith, W. J. Mathews duly elected School trustees

" for the ensuing four years, and J. P. Schneider, C. E. Anderson, Fred Carlton, J. Schuber, H. A. Linn, J. L. Hume, Geo. F. Assmann, John W. Phillips, M. Boland, and J. A. Jackson duly elected Aldermen of the City of Austin, for the ensuing two years.

" Alderman DeBress then moved that Mayor and Aldermen elect. be given notice at once of their election. Adopted.

Alderman Northam then moved that a Committee of three aldermen be appointed to wait upon the Mayor elect and invite him to come forward and qualify.

The motion Carried, and Aldermen Northam, Linn and DeBress were appointed as such Committee.

The Mayor elect having appeared at the bar of the Council Mayor Macle proceeded to administer the oath of office to him. This being done, Mayor McDonald took the Chair.

The roll of the newly elected aldermen was then called and resulted as follows:

Present - Aldermen.

Schneider, Anderson, Carlton, Schuber, Linn, Hume, Assmann, Phillips, Boland, Jackson - 10.

Mayor McDonald then administered the oath of office to them collectively, and on motion the old Council adjourned.

The new Council was immediately called to order by Mayor McDonald, and the roll called which showed the following result:

Present - Aldermen.

Anderson, Assmann, Boland, Carlton, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Jones, Linn, Metz, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Zeller - 20.

The Mayor then delivered the following address:

Gentlemen of the City Council:

In assuming the responsibilities of the office of Mayor of the City of Austin, I feel some misgivings on account of the over-riding large expectations entertained by our citizens from the city administration now about to commence.

To meet these expectations with even tolerable

Mayor's
message

" Success, will require the united and harmonious action of the Mayor and Council. In other words, if we be divided among ourselves our strength will be spent for naught and our labors will be in vain.

And in addition to our united and harmonious effort our conduct of the affairs of the City must be such as to meet with and secure the hearty approval of all our people.

I do not propose at this time to map out a particular line of conduct for city affairs, nor to make recommendations to you in that regard. I have been so recently elected to the honorable and important office the duties of which I now assume that I have not had sufficient time for reflection, nor have I had opportunity for consultation with you upon the various interests of the people that will need our attention. I expect to begin at once an earnest attention to all questions affecting the interests of our city and people, and I invoke your active and generous co-operation.

Among the duties which I am to perform is to preside over your deliberations and preserve order in your meetings, and that duty now lies nearest to me. My success in the performance of that duty will depend less on my ability than on your generous assistance and kind indulgence. Asking these of you and assuring each of you personally of my best wishes and kind regards, I declare the Council ready to proceed to business.

Elect City
Offs:

H. Lerman - Morris introduced a resolution providing that the Council proceed to the election of the following City officers, in the order named, to wit:

- First - Assessor and Collector.
- Second - Treasurer.
- Third - City Clerk.
- Fourth - City Sexton.
- Fifth - City Attorney.
- Sixth - Recorder.
- Seventh - City Marshal.
- Eighth - City Engineer.
- Ninth - City Physician.

Alderman Platt moved to amend the resolution by striking out the order named in it and inserting the order named in the Charter in lieu thereof. The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen
Assmann, Baland,

Jones, Metz, Phillips, Platt, 6.

Nays - Aldermen - Anderson, Carleton, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Linn, Morris, Skewton, Titschke, North, Schneider, Schneider, Townsend, Ziller - 14.

The resolution, as introduced, was then adopted. Alderman Linn moved that three tellers be appointed, to canvass the votes. The motion prevailed and the Chair appointed Linn, North and Graham tellers.

The Mayor then stated the next business in order to be nominations for City Assessor and Collector.

Alderman Platt nominated Fred Stenzing. Seconded. There being no other nomination, the Mayor declared nominations for assessor and collector, closed.

Alderman Anderson moved that the City Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Mr Fred Stenzing for City Assessor and Collector.

The motion was adopted and the vote so cast.

J. Stenzing. The Mayor then declared Mr Fred Stenzing duly elected City Assessor and Collector of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

Nominations for City Treasurer being next in order Alderman Townsend nominated Mr J. S. Myrick for the position. Seconded.

There being no other nominations for City Treasurer, the City Clerk was, on motion, instructed to cast the vote of the Council for Mr J. S. Myrick

J. S. Myrick. for City Treasurer. The motion was complied with and the Mayor declared Mr J. S. Myrick duly elected Treasurer of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

Nominations for City Clerk being in order, Alderman Schneider nominated Milton Morris for that office. Seconded. There being no other nomination,

a motion was made and adopted instructing Alderman Graham to cast the vote of the Council

Milton
Morris.

for 'Milton' Morris for city clerk. The vote of the Council having been so cast, the Mayor declared 'Milton' Morris duly elected City Clerk of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

Nominations for city Sexton being in order, Alderman Jackson nominated 'Mr D. C. Gandel'; Alderman Morris nominated 'Mr W. L. Nitschke'; Alderman Carleton, by request, nominated 'Mr E. J. Ledbetter'.

The nominations having been seconded, the Mayor requested the Council to prepare ballots. The ballots having been collected and canvassed, the tellers reported the following result:

For W. L. Nitschke	111 Votes.
" D. C. Gandel	4 "
" E. J. Ledbetter	1 Vote.

W. L. Nitschke The Mayor declared 'Mr W. L. Nitschke' duly elected city Sexton of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

Nominations for City Attorney -

Alderman Abraham nominated 'Mr Geo. F. Penderster'.

Alderman Newton nominated 'Mr A. J. Peeler'.

The nominations having been seconded, the Chair requested the Council to prepare ballots. The ballots having been collected and canvassed, the tellers reported the following result:

G. F. Penderster. For - Geo. F. Penderster	15 Votes.
" A. J. Peeler	5 "

The Mayor declared 'Mr Geo. F. Penderster' duly elected City Attorney of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

Nominations for City Recorder -

Alderman Phillips nominated Judge Joe Lee.

Alderman Morris nominated 'Mr Gardner Ruggles'.

Alderman North nominated 'Mr J. R. Hamilton'.

Alderman Anderson nominated 'Mr Warren Moore'.

The nominations having been seconded, the Mayor requested the Council to prepare ballots. The ballots cast were canvassed and the result reported as follows:

For Joe Lee	1 Vote
" Gardner (Ruggles)	6 Votes
J. R. Hamilton. " J. R. Hamilton	12 "
" Warren Moore	1 Vote

J. R. Hamilton.

The Mayor declared Mr J. K. Hamilton duly elected recorder of the city of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

Nominations for City Marshal

Alderman Graham nominated Mr J. E. Lucy.

Alderman Hume nominated Mr. C. C. Palmer.

The nominations were decided and a ballot ordered, the result of which was reported as follows:

For J. E. Lucy 12 Votes.

" C. C. Palmer 9 "

Twenty one votes being cast, the chair declared there was no election and another ballot was ordered, which was reported as follows:

For J. E. Lucy 12 Votes

" C. C. Palmer 8 "

J. E. Lucy. The Mayor declared Mr J. E. Lucy duly elected City Marshal of the city of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

Nominations for City Engineer.

Alderman Anderson nominated J. K. P. McFall.

Alderman Graham, by request, nominated J. S. Pope.

Alderman Phillips nominated W. S. Sneed.

Alderman Linn nominated S. P. Matthews.

Sneed - Mrs. First ballot.

For J. K. P. McFall 7 Votes.

" J. S. Pope 1 Vote.

" W. S. Sneed 7 Votes.

" S. P. Matthews 3 "

There being no election another ballot was ordered.

Second ballot.

For J. K. P. McFall 7 Votes.

" J. S. Pope 1 Vote.

" W. S. Sneed 7 Votes

" S. P. Matthews 3 "

There being no election a third ballot was ordered.

Third ballot.

For J. K. P. McFall 10 Votes

" J. S. Pope 1 Vote

" W. S. Sneed 9 Votes

There being no election a fourth ballot was ordered.

Fourth ballot.

For J. K. P. McFall 11 votes.

" W. S. Bruce 9 "

J. K. P. McFall The Mayor declared Mr J. K. P. McFall duly elected City engineer of the City of Austin for the ensuing term of two years.

Nominations for City Physician -

R. S. Graves. Alderman Graham nominated Dr R. S. Graves. Seconded.

There being no other nominations, the City Clerk was on motion directed to cast the vote of the Council for R. S. Graves for City Physician.

The vote being so cast, the Mayor declared Dr. R. S. Graves duly elected City Physician of the City of Austin for the ensuing two years.

adjourned

Alderman Anderson moved that as the matters embraced in the call of the Council had been disposed of the Council stand adjourned. Carried.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.