

Dillon, treasurer; W.R. Clements, clerk and H.C. Schilling, F.M. Agee, A.J. Haswell, M.F. Rowlett, M.F. Sullivan, A.D. Moore, and J.R. Hardy members of the board.

The board on **August 7** found the Lawrence wine cellar a nuisance and steps were started for its removal. In **November** the board disposed of its president H.C. Schilling on a technicality in the filing of names of officials with the county clerk and M.F. Rowlett was elected as president.

In **February 1908** the board reported 13 street crossings had been constructed, with lumber enough remaining for one other and a report of indebtedness expressed belief the town would owe only \$400 at close of the fiscal year.

New officers of the city took over duties on **May 6, 1908**, the minutes recording James Knight as town marshal; H.A. Randall, clerk; G.S. Woods, justice of the peace and R.W. Oryer, H.O. Brown, Roy Z. Taylor, M.F. Rowlett, G.M. Flanagan, J.W. Sage and Mike Donnelly as trustees.

**May 31, 1908.** G.M. Flanagan, board president called a mass meeting of citizens to study proposition for installation of gas lines to the city. In July the board passed a 10 mill property tax levy.

In the line of duty, a three-man committee was appointed in August, 1908 to attend a "religious meeting" to investigate into the manner of how such was being carried out.

First action on annexation of Capitol Hill to Oklahoma City came in **January 1909** when a resolution providing for such annexation was read in meeting of the board and accepted, a copy of the action being sent to the mayor and city clerk of Oklahoma City.

But the board changed its mind on annexation and at the next meeting, following a five-minute recess, a motion by Mike Donnelly asked the board to rescind its action. It was unanimous. The board also instructed its attorney to prepare papers for calling a \$50,000 bond election, \$35,000 to be spent for a water works system and \$15,000 for a sewer system.

Then on **March 3** the board gathered to hear a complaint that a former Deputy Marshal was using an official badge in violation of city ordinances. The Marshal was instructed to bring in the badge.

A contract was ordered made with M.L. Turner, city, on a bid for purchase of the \$50,000 bond issue notes **March 10, 1909**, along with an order for a contract with the Oklahoma Engineering company for superintendent construction and preparing

preliminary plans for the bond issue.

**March 12, 1909.** Ordinances 49 and 50 granting franchises to Oklahoma Gas and Electric company for gas and lights were adopted.

**April 9, 1909.** A resolution calling the bond election on **April 27** was passed. The resolution created a sinking fund to pay the bonds within 20 years. Results of the election as canvassed by the board

**April 30, 1909** were:

Shall town vote a	
waterworks?	183 yes, 28 no.
Shall town vote a	
sewage system?	165 yes, 25 no.

Returns of the special franchise election revealed a vote of 215 in favor of electric lights with 15 against, and 195 in favor of gas with 15 voting no. The board adjourned sine die on **May 3**.

In the election of **May 3, 1909**, the following board of trustees was elected:

F.J. Bretz, P.W. Markwell, Roy Z. Taylor, M.F. Rowlett, G.M. Flanagan, J.T. Cavnar and Mike Donnelly was elected as president of the board.

Holding its first official session on **May 14**, the board filed a request with the state Corporation commission asking that the Santa Fe railroad construct a depot in Capitol Hill. So far as can be ascertained the request is still on file with the commission. Further civic progress was also reported during the month when Oklahoma Junction Railway company was allowed to operate a "steam railway" over Pottenger St. starting west of Patrick and Pottenger addition and running east to Robinson Ave.

On **June 7, 1909** the board ordered a jail to be built at a cost of \$230 with rental on the property to be \$1 per month. Two days later the board heard a report on valuation of Capitol Hill. The report showed:

Personal property	\$48,034
Real Estate	878,850
Public service corp.	17,000
Total	\$943,884

Tax levy for the year **1910** as passed at the same time called for nine and three-fourth mills and it was estimated this would raise \$9,570. An additional five and one-half mills was levied on the special bond election to raise an extra \$5,000.

The board on **July 20, 1909** issued 35 bonds for \$1,000 on the water election, payable semi-annually to the National Bank of Commerce in New York City.

The same bank also held 15 bonds of \$1,000 each on the sewage bond election. Capitol Hill was really growing into a city when 18 street lights were installed in August.



*Mike Donnelly, continuously in public office until retiring as County Commissioner in 1949.*

Annexation considered