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—from the files of the Capitol Hill Beacon

thence in a southerly direction in the middle of said river to where Robinson st. crosses same:

Thence south 10 degrees: 08 W 920 feet to the north corner of the SE quarter Section 9, Twp 11 N. R3W as aforesaid, thence to the place of beginning containing 540.25 acres of land, more or less, and being the same land surveyed and platted as shown in the petition for incorporating said town, has been duly and legally incorporated under the name of Capitol Hill as aforesaid.

Signed. Ed Overholser, Chairman

In the election of officers there were two parties, the Citizens' and the Peoples'. Candidates listed on the former were C.F. Perkins - Clerk, John Dillon - Justice of the Peace; G.W. Shelton - Treasurer; U.W. Barnard - Assessor; and Trustee candidates C.R. Shidler, H.D. Newman, Harry Rogers, George I. Jackson, H.D. Alexander, S.D. Moore and J.W. Morris.

On the Peoples' ticket the aspirants were L.D. Wantland, Clerk; J.C. Mitchell, Justice of the Peace; Frank Pearce, Treasurer; M.C. Warner, Assessor and Trustee candidates Claude Barnett, Mr. Brooks, J.A. Hill, B.D. Northcutt and R.M. Darnell.

The campaign was long and hot; the speeches heated and longer, but on May 17 the city clerk's office reveals the following officers assumed duties:

- John Dillon - Justice of the Peace
- G.W. Shelton - Treasurer
- C.F. Perkins - Clerk
- E.G. Flanagan - Marshal
- C.F. Bodine - Deputy
- Board of Trustees:
- C.R. Shidler - ward one
- C.F. Bodine - ward two
- J.A. Hill - ward three
- G.I. Jackson - ward four
- H.D. Alexander - ward five
- B.D. Northcutt - ward six
- J.W. Morris - ward seven

One of the first actions of the new board of trustees was to adopt new plats into the city of Capitol Hill. On **May 4**, the board moved that Caldwell's addition, Caldwell's addition number two, Schilling addition, College Hill addition, Blevins addition and Eggleston addition be made a part of the municipality.

For the remainder of the year activities of the first board and city officers are largely guesswork since no record of their meeting minutes is now preserved. It may be assumed the elected officers were not experienced in the ways of government to the point of keeping such records since the first file begins in **January 1905**.

Beginning then, with those records one learns accomplishments of the officials were slight, and that the city at the time was almost completely without means of producing revenue.

On **January 11, 1905** the board of trustees met with J.W. Morris presiding and passed the first seven ordinances in history of the new town. The first ordinance was against discharging of firearms in the city, the second concerned destruction of property, another against disturbing religious worship and the remainder along the same pattern.

January 25, 1905. The Board made a first attempt to produce revenue with a \$10 license fee passed on each table in billiard and pool halls. At the same time Ordinance No. 10 setting salaries for Town Marshal at \$35 per month and \$2 for the Clerk were passed.

February 22, 1905. The Board referred to its finance committee a bill of \$2 for making of a City Seal along with a dun for the Marshal's salary.

Financial troubles were apparently vexing the board when a meeting on **March 1** was called for the minutes state:

"Finance committee asked for additional time on bills for marshal and clerk's salary which now is two months in arrears."

In the same session a petition was heard to cut out the marshal's salary, but apparently the town decided a marshal was necessary to a growing city for the motion was tabled.

On **May 5**, new officers elected the following day took office and the minutes reveal them to have been as follows:

- C.F. Perkins, ward one; J.A. Caldwell, ward two;
- W.T. Kirkpatrick, ward four; H.D. Alexander, ward five;
- Oliver Peters, ward six, and James

