

John McBain Selected 1963 Mayor

John McBain was elected the mayor of Santa Cruz last night during a brief ceremony in city council chambers which accompanied the seating of the new council.

George Wilson, not present, was elected assistant mayor. Later he indicated that he does not care to serve. Norman Lezin will be named to serve as assistant mayor instead.

Lezin, Norman Walters, Eugene Fleming and A. R. (Dick) Hackbarth Jr., elected last week, were sworn into office. The last three replace Bert Snyder, John Daly and Robert Warne. Lezin was the only incumbent who sought re-election.

Mayor Bert Snyder officiated at the opening of the council session before a packed audience. The mood was light-hearted, but overtones of the importance of the coming years to the city were present.

McBain, after taking office, said there is no reason for the city to feel overwhelmed by the problems facing it.

"The problems are getting bigger, but so is the town."

He expressed confidence in the new "better" city staff that will provide the know-how the city needs.

McBain expressed his gratification in being allowed to serve on the council. "It is like no other organization I have ever worked on," he said. "During the time I have been on it, I have never heard anything other than constructive criticism."

He welcomed the new members to the council and urged a continuance of this "positive approach to the future."

"It will take time, ability and real hard effort," he warned.

Snyder, Daly and Warne all commended the staff in remarks before leaving the council table.

Snyder recommended council service as "an opportunity to broaden yourself and to advance the community."

Daly paid tribute to the late Paul Forgey as a dedicated and public-spirited councilman whose example should be followed by new councilmen. He also cited the pressing need for a new downtown library.