

# WILL DALEY ELECTED MAYOR OF CAPITOLA

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Will F. Daley, who polled the largest number of votes in Capitola's city council election April 8, is Capitola's new mayor.

His unanimous selection by members of the new council was the first order of business last night after the new councilmen had been sworn in by City Clerk J. Raymond Abicht. The city hall was nearly filled with interested citizens.

Daley, a resident of Capitola since 1948, is a former Wyoming county assessor, district tax commissioner, abstract and title company executive and newspaperman. He received 295 votes at the April 8 election. As mayor, he succeeds Bradley M. Macdonald, a member of the council since incorporation of the city early in 1949.

Joseph Tabacchini, one of the two incumbents re-elected, received 291 votes and with Daley will serve a four-year term.

S. Clair Ellis, the other incumbent re-elected, and Charles L. Dixon and Otto F. Van Buren are the other councilmen and each will serve two-year terms. Dixon polled 238 votes; Van Buren 233; and Ellis 209.

Abicht and John B. Carter, city treasurer, were unopposed for re-election. The city clerk was sworn in last night by City Attorney Eugene Adams. Carter was sworn in by the clerk.

The old board, which included Mayor Macdonald and Russell B. Tripp, who did not seek re-election, and Elmer S. Andersen, who was sixth in the field of eight candidates for the five posts, canvassed the April 8 election ballot and adopted a resolution declaring the new council and clerk and treasurer elected.

The final official action of the old board was approval of a resolution concerning construction of a sewage system within the city, to be financed by special assessments and assessment bonds proceedings. The project is necessary as a health measure, the resolution declared.

In behalf of many citizens of Capitola, retiring Mayor Macdonald was presented with a beautiful inscribed ring by John Battistini. Mrs. Macdonald was given a rhinestone pin.

Macdonald said it had been a distinct pleasure to serve on the council for four years and he added that "incorporation of our city worked out well, far better than first anticipated."

Previous councils have laid a

good foundation and subsequent councils will continue to make progress, he declared. He extended best wishes to the new councilmen and their wives and he also commended other city officials for their work. "The city stood by its promise of no property tax within the city," he said, but added a warning note that "if the people demand more and more services, some kind of a tax will be necessary, possibly a sales tax."

He expressed some disappointment that only 43 per cent (401 out of 933 registered) vote had been cast April 8. He also paid tribute to those who had been defeated at the election, declaring that "standing for public office" is a fine contribution to community welfare.

Daley said he was gratified by the large turnout at the session and expressed hope that Capitola citizens will continue to be present at the sessions. "It shows interest upon the part of our people and is encouraging to the council," the new mayor said.

He also stated that "it had been planned to have Joe Tabacchini, the old warhorse who has done so much for Capitola, in this chair, but he declined due to personal business reasons."

Mayor Daley appealed for cooperation from the city's citizens. "All requests will be given consideration but we cannot grant all requests because of limited capital. We will try to make every dollar go as far as possible and see that it is well spent."

He praised the work of former councilmen and former Mayors Harlan P. Kessler and Macdonald.

The new mayor made the following council committee appointments, the first named as chairman:

Ordinances, Ellis, Dixon; finance, Dixon, Ellis; streets, Van Buren, Tabacchini; light and water, Van Buren, Tabacchini; health and safety, Tabacchini, Van Buren; parks and beaches, Tabacchini, Dixon; sewers, Tabacchini, Daley; public buildings, Van Buren, Tabacchini; insurance, Ellis, Dixon; franchises, Dixon, Ellis; police and fire, Tabacchini, Van Buren; education, Ellis, Dixon. The mayor will be ex-officio advisory member of all standing committees.

The new council also:

Approved request of Police Chief Don Latta for a conference on a proposed new uniform traffic ordinance, with a report to be prepared for the May meeting of the council.

Authorized Chief Latta to employ an extra officer on April 21 for special duty.

Referred to the streets committee the request of Ralph Landre, street superintendent, for purchase of street painting equipment at a cost of \$97.50.

Referred the request of James P. Decker for additional steps from the street to his Casa Blanca apartments at Monterey and Central to the streets and safety committee for further study.