1917—City Commission Created

First Commissioners (all Democrats) appointed by City Council under provisions of new charter: For 4-year term, John S. Bond, C. B. Rogers, John A. Futch; for 2-year term, Horace Drew, W. H. Dowling.

Commission met July 3d and organized; J. S. Bond elected Chairman.

Horace Drew resigned October, 1917; R. E. Wheeler appointed.


1919—Commissioners (4 yrs.): Wm. A. Evans (Dem.), St. Elmo W. Acosta (Dem.)

Mayor (2 yrs.): John W. Martin (Dem.)

First Primary, May 20th—Commissioners: St. E. W. Acosta, 1,485; J. T. Alsop, Jr., 1,452; C. T. Paxon, 1,292; W. A. Evans, 1,213; P. A. Dignan, 561; A. E. Adamson, 430.

Second Primary, June 3d—Commissioner: W. A. Evans, 1,659; St. E. W. Acosta, 1,650; J. T. Alsop, Jr., 1,479; C. T. Paxon, 1,401.

General Election, June 17th: Evans and Acosta elected without opposition.

Mayor: An amendment to city charter re-creating the office of Mayor carried by a vote For, 2,539; Against, 987, at the general election. It was stipulated that candidates for this office should run at this time and if the amendment carried the candidate receiving the greatest vote would be declared elected. There were two candidates, both Democrats, and the vote for Mayor was: John W. Martin, 2,349; J. E. T. Bowden, 1,164.

1921—Commissioners (4 yrs.): Frank H. Owen (Dem.)

Mark B. Herlong (Dem.), Thomas C. Imeson (Dem.)

Mayor (2 yrs.): John W. Martin (Dem.)

First Primary, May 10th—Commissioner: T. C. Imeson, 4,371; F. H. Owen, 4,318; M. B. Herlong, 4,219; Rudolph Grunthal, 3,559; G. E. Brown, 3,086; G. R. Paschal, 2,097; J. D. Burbridge, 1,881; D. A. Mayfield, 1,878; W. H. Herndon, 1,865; Mrs. Florence M. Cooley, 1,854; R. E. Wheeler, 1,106.

For Mayor: J. W. Martin, 8,409; J. E. Matthews, 2,207.