

KRUM VOTERS ELECT FIRST SLATE OF CITY OFFICIALS

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KRUM — Qualified voters of this newly incorporated city will go to the polls today for their first election, as a mayor, a city council and a town marshal will be named.

Krum became an incorporated town after an election on Nov. 16, when its citizens voted 75 to 13 in favor of the move.

One of the two candidates for mayor is a woman, while two women are seeking council posts. Mrs. Dorothy McClister widow of the late Walter W. McClister, long-time Krum businessman and F. W. (Pin) Fowler, Krum business leader and stockman are the two candidates for mayor.

Candidates for the city council include Mrs. John Morris, Mrs. R. L. Cole, T. C. Barry, Weldon Cole, D. P. Jackson, R. C. Cole, C. C. Wilkins, R. C. Erickson, Loran Park and E. E. (Ned) McKinney.

John Gray is the lone candidate for city marshal.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. with Mrs. A. H. Knox Jr. serving as election judge.

Fowler Named Krum's 1st Mayor

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KRUM - F. W. Pin Fowler, merchant' and stockman, Tuesday was named mayor of Krum as this newly-incorporated city held its first election. It was a closely contested race, with Fowler winning over Mrs. Walter McClister, the only other candidate, by an 11- vote margin.

Five aldermen were elected. Slated for two-year terms on the city council are H. C. Erickson, T. C. Barry. C. C. Wilkins, D. P. Jackson and Mrs. R. I. Cole. John Gray was unopposed for city marshal.

Fowler received 51 votes of the total of 91 cast by citizens of this northwest Denton County town. Mrs. McClister received 40 votes.

Erickson with 76 votes, topped the wide-open race for aldermen seats. Barry was runner up with 70 votes, followed by Wilkins with 56, Jackson with 52 and Mrs. Cole with 47.

A total of 10 candidates were in the race for alderman.

The other candidates and their total vote included Ned McKinney 44; R.C. Cole, 42; W.W. Cole 42; Mrs. John Morris 17, and Loran Park, 14.

The first City election in Krum's history was necessitated after citizens of the community voted 73 to 13 for incorporation on Nov 15.

Mayor Fowler, son of Clarence H. Fowler, life-time Denton County resident and longtime Krum business leader, campaigned on a promise that the city must "go slow in its planning."

Following the election, the new mayor said: "I appreciate the confidence the people have placed in me, and if they will keep that confidence, I believe we can go places. I am sure that a majority of the people want me to do nothing that will hurt anyone."

Erickson, who received the highest number of votes for alderman, commented: "I wish to thank everyone and I will do my best to make our newly incorporated town successful."

Barry said, "It was a very fine turnout for the election and a very fine group of alderman to work with."

Wilkins said his “hopes and prayers were that Krum will prosper as a result of its incorporation move...so when we go to do anything the cost won’t be so much on anyone...anything for the good of Krum.”

Mrs. Cole reported she was surprised at being elected, “but since I have been I am going to work hard at the job and I hope to keep the trust the people placed in me.”

