Minutes of a Called Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas Oct. 12th 1897 10 a.m.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.
The following call was read:

Mayors Office.
Austin, Texas, October 12th 1897.

Call for Special Meeting

I hereby call a special meeting of the City Council, to meet in the Council Chamber this day, at 10 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of considering the establishment of quarantine against places infected with yellow fever.

Lewis Hancock, Mayor.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 12th 1897. 9:40 a.m.

I hereby certify, that the following named Aldermen, have been served with the above call by having it read to each of them in person, viz: Beaty, Selvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Mitscher, Platt, Redd, Robberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker; and that Alderman Linn had been served by having a true copy left at his last known place of business, and Alderman Powell has been served by having a true copy left at his place of business, the two latter named being out of the City.

James E. Lucy, City Marshal per. Mc

Roll called.
Present, Aldermen Beaty, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Platt, Robberdeau, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend, 11.
Absent, Aldermen Selvin, Fischer, Haynes, Linn, Miller, Mitscher, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider and Zilker, 11.
On motion, the Council took a recess of five minutes.
At the expiration of the recess the Council was called to order.
Roll called.
Present, Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Mitscher, Platt, Robberdeau, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend, 13.
Absent, Aldermen Selvin, Haynes, Linn, Miller, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider and Zilker, 6.
On motion, Aldermans Haynes, was excused from attendance at this session of the Council on account of sickness.

Mayors Special Message

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following message:

Mayors Office.
Austin, Texas, October 12th 1897.

To the Honorable City Council:
Gentlemen:- Yellow fever having been officially declared to exist in several cities of Texas, I have deemed it my duty to call you together in special session to take such steps as you may see proper to insure the health of the community.
The Commissioners Court of Travis County have already authorized the County Physician to take such action as he may deem necessary in quarantining within the City, such to incur such expense.
I do not think we are in any danger, under any circumstances, if we put our own guards, but unless absolute quarantine could be enforced against, refugees from infected points

whose presence in our midst would serve to terrify our people, and those of the surrounding country. I therefore recommend that quarantine be established in conjunction with the County authorities, and herewith lay before you an ordinance providing for such quarantine.

Respectfully,
Lewis Hancock, Mayor.

The Mayor then laid before the Council, an ordinance declaring quarantine against Galveston, Houston and all other places infected with yellow fever, etc.

The ordinance was read first time.

Alderman Fischer moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading.

As a substitute for the motion of Alderman Fischer, Alderman Taylor offered the following resolution:

Resolution inviting the Physicians of the City to meet in Conference with the City Council.

"Resolved, That the practicing Physicians of the City are hereby respectfully invited to meet in conference with the City Council this (Tuesday) evening at 5 o'clock to consider the establishment of quarantine against localities infected with yellow fever."

Alderman Schneider entered the Council Chamber.

Alderman Blatt moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost.

The resolution was then adopted, by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Stumpf, Taylor Townsend and the Mayor 8.

Nays Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Mitscher, Blatt, Robertson, Schneider and Shelley. 7.

Alderman Taylor moved that the Council adjourn until 5 o'clock p.m. today, and that the Physicians of the City be notified of the request contained in the resolution just adopted by the Council, which motion prevailed, by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 9.

Nays, Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Mitscher, Blatt and Robertson. 5

Geo. A. Johnson
City Clerk.

Minutes of an adjourned called Meeting of the City Council.
Austin Texas, Oct. 12th 1897, 5 p.m.

Adjourned called Meeting

The Council was called to order by His Honor, Mayor Hancock.
Roll called.
Present, Aldermen Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Platt, Robertson, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 10
Absent, Aldermen Beaty, Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, Powell, Reed, Rosengren, Schneider and Zilker 12.
On motion the Council took a recess of five minutes.
Aldermen Nitschke, Reed and Rosengren entered the Council Chamber.
At the expiration of the recess the Council was called to order, and the Mayor directed the Clerk to read the resolution adopted at the morning session, requesting the Physicians of the City to meet the Council in consultation on the subject of quarantine against yellow fever, and suggested that the Council would be glad to hear from Physicians present on the subject.
Alderman Maddox suggested that perhaps the Physicians would prefer to consult among themselves before addressing the Council, and moved that the Council take a recess of ten minutes to allow them to consult, which motion prevailed.
After consultation the Physicians again entered the hall, and the Council was called to order.
Aldermen Beaty and Schneider entered the Council Chamber.
Dr. J. C. Bennett, for the Physicians, handed in the following, which was read:
In view of the assurances of the State Health Officer that yellow fever exists in Galveston and Houston, and he has accordingly put these places in quarantine,
Resolved, That it is the part of wisdom to institute a strict quarantine against those Cities and against all other places that may become infected.
Resolved, That a proclamation be issued warning all persons coming from either of the places to not attempt to come to Austin.
Alderman Maddox, for the Council, thanked the Physicians for their attendance at the consultation, and the Mayor also thanked them personally.
After some discussion of the matter, Alderman Robertson moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance introduced at the morning session on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:
Yeas, Aldermen Beaty, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Reed, Robertson, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 11.
Nays Aldermen Horton, Nitschke, Platt and Schneider 4
Alderman Nitschke moved to adjourn.
Alderman Beaty moved as a substitute that the Council adjourn until 8:30 o'clock p.m. Wednesday, October 13th 1897.
The substitute was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Reed, Robertson, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 10
Nays Aldermen Beaty, Horton, Nitschke, Platt and Schneider 5.

The motion to adjourn until 8 o'clock p.m., October 13th 1897 was then adopted.

Jno. O. Johnson
City Clerk.

Adjourned Called Meeting

Adjourned called Meeting of the City Council.
Austin Texas Oct. 13th 1897.

Hon. Lewis Hancock Mayor presiding.
Roll called.
Present Aldermen Beaty, Lawless Maddox, Platt, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Taylor. 10.
Absent Aldermen Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Linn, Miller, Mitscher, Powell, Redd, Townsend and Zilker 12.
Alderman Robertson moved that the Marshal be directed to bring in the absentees. Carried.
Aldermen Fischer Kuhn Miller and Redd entered the Council Chamber.
Alderman Taylor suggested that there were present some of the Physicians of the City who desired to address the Council, and moved that they be given an opportunity to do so, which motion prevailed.
Drs. R.L. Smith, Watt and City Physician Graves then addressed the Council, and a communication from Dr. J.M. Litten was read.
The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance establishing quarantine etc. The ordinance was read the second time.
Alderman Platt presented a protest against the passage of the ordinance signed by a number of citizens.
Alderman Taylor offered the following as a substitute for the ordinance:
Resolved, That full and complete authority is hereby vested in the Mayor of the City of Austin to declare quarantine against any locality infected with yellow fever, at any time in his judgement he may deem it advisable.
The substitute was lost by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Rosengren and Taylor 2.
Nays Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley and Stumpf 12.
The Mayor then laid before the Council the following amendment:
"Section 4. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced when and so long as, in the judgement of the Board of health, it may be deemed necessary".
The amendment was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas, Aldermen Beaty, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, and Taylor 13.
Nays Alderman Fischer 1.
Alderman Maddox moved to amend by inserting after the word Houston, the words San Antonio. Carried.
Alderman Maddox moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading.
Alderman Robertson moved a call of the Council, which was seconded. Roll called.
Absent Aldermen Delvin, Haynes, Horton, Linn, Mitscher, Powell, Townsend and Zilker 8.
Alderman Fischer moved to suspend the call, which motion prevailed.
Alderman Maddox moved a call of the Council, which was seconded. Roll called.
Absent Aldermen Delvin, Haynes, Horton, Linn, Mitscher, Powell,

Townsend and Zilver 8.
Alderman Schneider moved that the absentees be excused, which motion prevailed by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Lawless, Miller, Platt, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley and Taylor 10.
Nays Aldermen Kuhn, Maddox, Robendeau and Stumpf 4.
Alderman Maddox moved that the Council adjourn until 8 o'clock p.m., October 14 1897, which motion was lost by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Kuhn, Maddox, Robendeau, Rosengren, Shelley & Stumpf 6.
Nays Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Lawless, Miller Platt, Redd, Schneider and Taylor 8.
Alderman Schneider moved that the ordinance be laid on the table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Lawless, Miller, Platt, Redd, Schneider and Taylor 8.
Nays Aldermen Kuhn, Maddox, Robendeau, Rosengren Shelley, and Stumpf 6.
On motion the Council adjourned.

Jno. O. Johnson
City Clerk.