

Called Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas December 19th 1851

Mayor W. A. Taylor presiding
Roll Called Present Aldermen Bruggarhoff Cook Kinney
Kuppertz Koeller Radkey Schuber Plattberg Wilson
Absent Alderman Metz

His Honor the Mayor stated that the meeting
was called for the purpose to devise means for sanitary
measures and such other business as may come before
the Council

The following resolution was submitted
by the board of health and on motion of Alderman
Cook was adopted by the following vote
yeas. Aldermen Kinney Cook Schuber Bruggarhoff.
Radkey. Kuppertz Koeller Platt and Wilson
Nays none Absent Alderman Metz

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City
of Austin.

Gentlemen, At a meeting of the board of health
held in the Mayor's office City of Austin today the
following resolutions were recommended to be presented
to your honorable board by the undersigned committee

Resolved That it is expedient and demanded
in protection to the health and lives of the Citizens
of Austin that the cases of smallpox now in the
City and all those exposed to the contagion be
removed forthwith from the City and suitable
huts be erected for their accommodation together
with with stores and necessary trading medicine
and medical attention

Resolved

That the steps already taken by His Honor
the Mayor in having a guard placed in charge of
the premises infected erection of flags of warning
and are approved and that the necessary expense
should be paid by the City

Resolved

That they recommend Dr A. S. Dutton
as a competent Experienced and suitable physician
to place in charge of those affected or liable to become so
Resolved further

That considering the fearful mortality of this
loathsome disease and its existence in many parts of the
United States and even in our own State at this the present
time and the loose manner in which vaccination has been

practiced here That City Council is earnestly
requested to leave no stone unturned necessary
to stop the possible spreading of this fearful disease.

Signed

J. Cummings

W. J. Matthews

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On Motion of Alderman Cook the resolution was
adopted by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Cook Schuber Brueggerhoff.
Radkey Kuppertz Morrell Platt Wilson Kinney
Nays none Alderman Metz absent.

Alderman Kinney presented an Ordinance
appropriating one thousand dollars to defray the
necessary expenses in protecting the City against
the spread of Smallpox

The following Ordinance was presented by Alderman
Brueggerhoff:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City
of Austin

That the sum of Five hundred dollars or
so much thereof as may be necessary be and is hereby
appropriated to defray the expenses of removing
all patients now affected and persons liable to be
affected by the disease now in the City and erecting
necessary buildings or providing tents for them
out side of the City limits and furnishing them
such assistance as may be required That this Ordinance
be and is hereby in force from and after its passage

The Rules were suspended and the Ordinance
placed on its second reading The Ordinance further
suspended and the Ordinance placed on its third
reading and passed by the following vote

Yeas Kinney Cook Schuber Brueggerhoff Radkey
Kuppertz Morrell Platt Wilson Nays none
Absent Alderman Metz

Alderman Cook moved that the Mayor appoint
a committee of three to be known as the sanitary
Committee Motion Carried

The Mayor Appointed Aldermen Platt
Schuber and Wilson

Alderman Bruggenhoff offered the following which was carried

That the Health Physician be authorized to purchase such supplies as may be necessary for the smallpox Patients

Alderman Cook Moved to adjourn Lost.

Alderman Platt offered the following resolution which was adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the city of Austin That the Mayor appoint a committee of five in connection with the City attorney to report an Ordinance at the next regular meeting in January. what disposition shall be made with the outstanding indebtedness of the City and the best means of meeting the current expenses of the City

His honor the Mayor appointed Aldermen Kinney Bruggenhoff Rackey Kuppertz and Platt

Alderman Kuppertz offered the following resolution which was adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That the Mayor be hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the publication of the City printing for two years beginning January 1st 1882 as follows

Class 1 To embrace the printing of all Ordinances Advertisements proclamations and proceedings of the City Council in a daily paper issued at the City of Austin

Class 2 To embrace the job work of the of the city such as blank Books etc for the several offices of the City Alderman Mortler offered the following resolution which was lost by the following vote

Ayes Aldermen Kinney Cook Bruggenhoff Rackey Kuppertz and Wilson yeas Aldermen Schuler Mortler Platt absent Alderman Metz

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin That owing to his honor the Mayor having failed to return to the Board of Aldermen an Ordinance repealing an Ordinance passed February 16th 1878 creating the Office of Market master and Health inspector under Article 340 (1) within the time prescribed for by the City Charter in Article 7 the said Ordinance be and is hereby declared in force as an Ordinance

His honor the Mayor presented his veto message upon the Ordinance passed December 1851 entitled an Ordinance repealing article 340 (1) of the revised City Ordinances passed February 16. 1848 to wit

Mayor's Office

Austin December 9 1851

To the honorable Board of aldermen of the City of Austin Gentlemen I have the honor to return herewith an Ordinance repealing article 340 (1) of the revised City Ordinances with my objections thereto

Article 312 (1) It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to offer for sale or sell or expose for sale in the Market or elsewhere in this City any unwholesome stale emaciated blown stuffed tainted or measurely meat poultry fish or other provisions of any kind or character whatever or to use any false weights in weighing any meats or provisions, &c.

Under this article it appears important provisions are delegated to the market master and Health officer and to no one else

It would seem illadvised to leave so important a matter as the Market and Health of the city without some protection in this respect should epidemics occur from any cause the people would justly censure the City authorities whose interest are intrusted to their hands while I would be glad to assist your honorable body in all matters looking to retrenchment and reform I cannot concur in dispensing with this officer unless some means are devised to protect the Citizens from imposition believing the health of the City a matter not to be computed in dollars and cents

Trusting that your body will give these objections proper considerations and that you will decide as your duty to yourselves to your constituents to Austin and the public at large demand

I am respectfully

W A Dwyer
Mayor

Alaman Brueggerhoff moved a reconsideration of the Ordinance passed December 8th 1851 abolishing the office of health officer and Market master Carried Alaman Brueggerhoff moved that the Ordinance pass notwithstanding the Mayor's veto and passed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Quincy Schuber Brueggerhoff Radkey

Kuppert, Morley Platt.
 Says Alderman Cook and Wilson
 About Alderman Metz.

On Motion of Alderman Kuppert the Council
 adjourned

J. L. Russell
 City Clerk

My dear Mr. [illegible]
I have just received your letter of the 14th inst.
and am glad to hear from you.
I am well and hope this finds you the same.
I have not much news to write at present.