

Called Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas May 23rd 1885

Geo. J. W. Robertson Mayor presiding

Present Aldermen Ketz, Wall, Schubert, Warren
Brooker, Oall, Holman, Kelly & Brush,
Absent - Aldermen Schneider, Gilroy, Hancock
Campbell, Underhill, Massey, Triskie Barrington,
Clatt, Ervin and Bennett

On motion of Alderman Brooker a call of
the council was ordered and the marshal sent
after the absentees,

Aldermen Schneider & Campbell. came in
call of the Council suspended

Mayor's Office

Austin Tex May 23rd 1885

Call of council

To the members of the City Council of the
City of Austin

Gentlemen: - A special meeting
of the City Council is hereby called to meet
at the city hall at 8.30 P.M. to consider the
matter of the prevalence of small pox in the City
Very Truly,
J. W. Robertson
Mayor.

Mayor Office.

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Mayor's
message.
Small pox

Gentlemen of the City Council

I have called you together for the
purpose of considering the proper action to be
taken in reference to the presence of small pox
in the city, only one isolated case exists, but that
may furnish the poison to spread the disease
through the whole country. It is necessary that
prompt and decisive measures should be adopted
to prevent the dissemination of the disease and
to confine it to the person now infected.

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as soon as its presence was known, I caused a strict quarantine of the premises, and since 8 o'clock am. the case has been effectually isolated and cut off from all contact, A close guard is kept over the premises and no communication of any character is allowed except through the physician in charge.

These steps were taken on the advice of Dr. W. J. Curt, city Physician, and Dr. R. M. Swearingin State health officer, and their instructions have been carried out to the letter.

If it is found necessary to remove the present case from the city, and adopt quarantine necessary as to those who have been in contact with him then let this be done at once. A very great alarm prevails the city and it devolves upon us to adopt and carry out such measures as will secure the health and safety of the people, if the necessity for extreme measures exists there is no middle ground to occupy.

I have asked the City Physician and other Physicians to be present tonight to give us the benefit of their advice, whatever course is deemed best and will most effectually tend to the security of the people from this disease should be adopted. The matter of cost and of convenience are not to be considered.

If the present measures of isolation are deemed sufficient they will be faithfully carried out. If more stringent treatment is advised, that will be effectually enforced.

I would ask that your action be based on the experienced advice of competent physicians, and in that event I have no doubt wise counsel will prevail.

Very Truly

J. W. Robertson
Mayor

Udeman Carrington's name in

May 23. & June 1st 1885

Alderman Hill moved that Citizens and Physicians present be invited to discuss the matter motion adopted

Drs. Curt. Ruvaringen, Graves and Capt. J. E. Reed addressed the Council

Motion. Phy-

sician to remove

Mr. Crow out

side of City

Alderman Crooker moved that the health physician be authorized to remove Mr. Crow to some convenient place outside of the city limits, and in case he is unable to procure a house then he be authorized to build one temporary, and that the police force render Dr. Curt such assistance as may be necessary, and that he be authorized to employ guards, &c.

Motion adopted.

Council adjourned

J. S. Purcell

City Clerk.

Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas June 1st 1885

Hon. J. W. Robertson Mayor, presiding

Present, Aldermen Hancock, Wills, Campbell, Warren, Crooker, Oare, Barrington Holman, Plath and Brennan. 10.

Absent Aldermen Schneider, Metz, Pillow, Schubert, Underhill, Noas, Driekill, Hills, Ervin & Bush. 10.

No. quorum.

On motion the council adjourned

J. S. Purcell
City Clerk.