

Called meeting of the City Council

Austin Tex August 31st 1883

John J. W. Robertson, Mayor presiding
 Present Aldermen - Schneider, Pillow, Campbell,
 Schubert, Maday, Warren, Crocker, Odell, Carrington,
 Holman, Hill, Brennan. - 12.

Absent Aldermen - Kelly, Hancock, Wells, Underhill,
 Oriskill, Platt, Erwin, & Brecht. - 8.

On motion the council was called and the marshal
 sent after the absentees.

Call of the council suspended.

Mayors Office.

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Call of council

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

Gentlemen: - I hereby call a special meeting
 of the City Council to assemble at the council
 chamber this (Monday) evening at 8.30.0. clock
 for the purpose of taking action in reference
 to recent outrages and crimes committed in
 this city, and to devise means to secure the
 arrest and punishment of such persons as
 may be found guilty thereof. If any other matter
 of special interest should arise, the same will
 be duly presented in your meeting.

Very Truly, etc.,

J. W. Robertson
 Mayor of the City of Austin.

Ordinance Alderman Hill introduced an ordinance entitled
 suppression of crime an Ordinance providing for the suppression and
 punishment of crime in the City of Austin, and
 making an appropriation to carry the same into
 effect.

The ordinance was read first time.

On motion the council went into a committee of
 the whole.

The committee rose and reported back to the
 Council the following Resolutions

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of
 Austin.

Resolution That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized
 mayor to and empowered to employ one or more skilled detec-
 employ tive for service in the city of Austin, for such length
 selection of time as he may see fit, not to exceed six months
 and for such services as he may direct in finding
 out and bring to punishment criminals

2 That such services be secret and wholly within
 the charge of the Mayor and such other officer or
 Officers if any as he may choose to advise with.

3 Payment for such service shall be made to the
 Mayor and upon his representation, the Finance
 committee shall insert in the general appropriation
 ordinance for such detective service any amount
 not exceeding Five hundred Dollars per month.

Resolution adopted.

On motion the council adjourned
 S. L. Burnell
 City Clerk