

**BOARD MEETING**  
**February 4, 1878**  
**Court House**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Dyersburg met in regular meeting at the Court House this Monday evening the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1878.

Present Mayor Clarke, Aldermen Scott, Nichols, Thurmond, Miller, Sawyers and White and Marshal Ferguson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

The Recorder & Treasurer then presented his Bond for approval when on motion it was ordered to be received and spread on the Minutes.

The Marshal's Bond was then presented and on motion was ordered received and to be spread on the Minutes.

A verbal report was made by Alderman Miller, Committeeman, to the effect that he had called on Mr. Harvey & family as directed by the Board, and found that they did not need assistance from the Corporation, when on motion the report was ordered to be received and committeeman discharged.

The committee appointed to investigate and equalize the Privilege Tax reported that in their opinion there should be a Privilege Advalorem Tax levied on all persons doing business within the Corporate limits who are subject to State Tax, when on motion the report was ordered to be received and committee discharged.

On motion it was ordered that the above report be adopted as a basis to levy the Privilege Tax in the future.

On motion it was ordered that a committee be appointed to further investigate the tax question and to recommend a rate of Taxation. Aldermen Miller & White were appointed committee, when on motion it was ordered that Mayor Clarke act with said committee.

On motion it was ordered that an account presented by F. G. Sampson for assessing Town property for 1877 be and is hereby disapproved.

On motion it was ordered that the Mayor's salary be fixed at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the year 1878.

On motion it was ordered that the Recorder & treasurer's salary be fixed at One Hundred & Twenty Five Dollars (\$125.00) for the year 1878.

On motion it was ordered that the Marshal's salary be fixed at Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the year 1878.

On motion it was ordered that each Alderman be allowed Twelve 50/100 Dollars (\$12.50) for their services for the year 1878.

On motion an account in favor of G. W. Lavender for \$4.80 jail fees was allowed, and one in favor of R. A. Burke for 8 loads of lumber hauled by order of Alderman Miller (at .25 cents per load) \$2.00 allowed.

Marshal Ferguson then tendered his resignation as Marshal for the year 1878 when on motion it was ordered to be received.

On motion it was ordered that Mayor Clarke, Aldermen Nichols & Scott be appointed a committee to make an estimate of the cost of constructing plank walks extending from the square to the old Town limits and to make a report of same to this Board tomorrow night.

On motion Board adjourned to meet tomorrow night.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment and proceeded with the business before it.

When Marshal Ferguson asked leave to withdraw his tender of resignation, and on motion of Alderman Nichols, it was ordered that he be allowed to do so and that the entries of the tender of his resignation and the acceptance thereof in the forgoing minutes be expunged from the record by order of the Board.

The committee on side walks submitted a written report in which they show the probable cost per foot for constructing side walks.

On motion it was ordered that the report be received and committee discharged.

On motion it was ordered that a committee be appointed for the purpose of contracting for suitable lumber for side walks and crossings, Aldermen Miller and Nichols were appointed a committee for same, when on motion it was ordered that the Mayor act with said committee.

On motion it was ordered that each Alderman shall act as street commissioner for one month to be detailed for such service alphabetically.

On motion it was ordered that Alderman Nichols act as street commissioner for the month of February.

On motion it was ordered that Marshal Ferguson be appointed Fire Warden for 1878.

On motion Board adjourned.

C. P. Clarke, Mayor

Attest: N. C. White, Recorder

The Recorder & Treasurer's Bond, To Wit:

We, N. C. White, S. R. Latta and F. G. Sampson, confess ourselves indebted to the State of Tennessee in the sum of Twenty Five Hundred 00/100 Dollars for the payment whereof we bind ourselves, our heirs and representatives jointly and severally, to be void, however, if said N. C. White who has been duly elected by the Mayor and Aldermen of Dyersburg, Tennessee Recorder and Treasurer for the year 1878, shall promptly collect and faithfully account for and pay over as the law requires all the taxes and other dues which is or shall be made his duty to collect for the use of the Mayor and Aldermen of Dyersburg, Tennessee under his said election and appointment as Recorder and Treasurer and shall in all other respects faithfully discharge the duties of his said office, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness our hand this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1878.

**N. C. White**  
**S.R. Latta**  
**F. G. Sampson**

**Marshal's Bond, To Wit:**

**We, J. B. Ferguson, G. B. Miller and E. S. Thurmond, confess ourselves indebted to the State of Tennessee in the sum of Twenty Five Hundred 00/100 Dollars for the payment whereof we bind ourselves, our heirs and representatives jointly and severally to be void, however, if the said J. B. Ferguson who has been duly elected Marshal for the Town of Dyersburg, Tennessee for the year 1878 shall promptly collect and faithfully account for and pay over as the law requires all taxes and other dues which it is or shall be made his duty to collect for the use of the Mayor and Aldermen of Dyersburg, Tennessee under his said election and appointment as Town Marshal, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.**

**Witness our hand this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1878.**

**J. B. Ferguson**  
**G. B. Miller**  
**E. S. Thurmond**