

**BOARD MEETING**  
**April 16, 2005**  
**Court House**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Dyersburg met a Court House this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1874 pursuant to adjournment.

Present Mayor Neal, Aldermen Wilson, Deberry, Sampson, Thurman, & White and Marshall Nichols.

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

On motion the Board proceeded to elect an Alderman in place of J. E. Roberts resigned whereupon E. G. Sugg was declared by the Mayor duly elected, he appeared in meeting was duly sworn by Ald. F. G. Sampson, an acting Justice of the Peace for Dyer County, and took his seat in the Board as Alderman.

On motion the report from committee on cemetery was received and ordered to be spread on the minutes, and committee discharged.

On motion it was ordered that the Mayor appoint a Board of Commissioners to take charge of cemetery and they are hereby empowered to act in place of the Present Board who asks to be relieved, also ordered that all proper accounts, funds in the hands of old Board be turned over to the new Board and that the business be closed up as speedily as possible by the, committee to be appointed at our next regular meeting.

On motion it was ordered that Marshall Nichols request the property owners to open alley next of Dr. Miller and others at their expense, said alley to be 15 feet wide.

The report on assessment of current and Rail Road Taxes for 1874 was received and ordered to be spread on the minutes and committee discharged.

On motion it was ordered that the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1874 be fixed as the time for merchants to be assessed their semi-annual ad-valorem Rail Road Tax.

On motion it was ordered that the Marshall proceed to construct a culvert in McGaughey Street of suitable lumber and dimensions in accordance with the survey recently made by Engineer Harrington and at the smallest possible cost the work to be done as soon as practicable.

On motion it was ordered that Dr. Williamson be allowed the sum of Eight 00/100 Dollars for attention to Mr. Price during his recent illness at the Burke House.

On motion Board adjourned.

Tom Neal, Mayor

Attest:

A. C. White, Recorder

To Hon. Tom W. Neal, Mayor of Dyersburg.

Your undersigned committee beg leave to report in relation to the cemetery that in our judgment it is immediately necessary that the fences and gates be thoroughly repaired, the trees trimmed and pruned and the walks cleared and straightened, and we recommend that the fence be so changed as to exclude the eastern half of that portion south of the old road and let it remain an open common for the present. That the remainder of that portion south of the old road be set apart for the colored people and that they be allowed to use no ground north of it. The report of the commissioners (who have served several years and wish to be relieved) will show a small fund on hand sufficient perhaps to the necessary immediate repairs. Your committee feels that they owe it to the interest and wishes of the people to recommend that all idea or mention of removing the cemetery is ill-timed improper and highly unpleasant as such a step is wholly impracticable.

We are very respectfully: F. G. Sampson

A. C. White

W.E. DeBerry

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To Honorable Tom W. Neal, Mayor

Your undersigned committee on the subject of assessment would report that from an assessment book prepared by the Recorder on the basis of the County Assessment for the year 1874, we find the taxable property within the Corporation foots up \$298,268.00, so that we find it necessary to recommend the fixing of the rate of Rail Road Taxes for this six months (to May 10, 1874) at 4 ½ mills on the dollar which will only yield \$134.00 – add to this taxable privileges the same as last full say \$440.00 and about 150 polls at \$100 each \$140.00 makes \$1,930.00 all of which will be needed to net the \$1,750.00.

We recommend under the unusual pressure, that rate of current of the current taxes be only three mills on the dollar and recommend the collection of the same specific taxes from merchants and business men as last year that is the privilege or door tax.

Very Respectfully

F. G. Sampson

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W. E. DeBerry

P. E. Wilson