

BOARD MEETING
February 10, 1886
Court House

Be it remembered that on February 10, 1886 the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for Town of Dyersburg met in regular session at the Court House.

Mayor Thomas present and presiding, Aldermen Wm. Turner, J. M. Brackin and W. R. Hayes – Marshal E. L. Smith.

Minutes of last meeting read, approved and signed.

On motion one of the assessment on T. J. King's home place was taken off for year 1885 that amt. being outside of the Corporation.

On motion the ordinances as read were approved and adopted and ordered printed by recorder.

On motion the committee on college walk was continued.

On motion the assessment of A. R. Stevens mill property was made same as the assessment by state and Corporation for year 1886.

On motion Z. G. Watkins was appointed to investigate the law in regard to collecting taxes on that portion of Dyersburg taken in by new charter and report to Marshal Smith who shall be governed in said collection by said report.

On motion account of J. W. Parr for work on the pavement in front of his stores was referred to Wm. Turner who was instructed to confer with B. T. Hurton as to price of brick and work.

On motion W. H. Fowler was allowed account of Two & 10/100 dollars - \$2.10.

On motion Drs. Ferguson, Summers, Tucker, Walker and B. L. Thomas was appointed a committee to get an ordinance on sanitation and health for the Corporation of Dyersburg in accordance with the request of the State Board of Health – by Dr. Lindsley.

On motion a walk was ordered from Dr. H. F. Ferguson's corner to J. C. Pinner's – committee Turner, Brackin & Sinclair.

Marshal Smith was instructed to have the plank taken up by Pinner's and put on the street from Methodist parsonage to corner of old Law lot and to put a crossing from Hayes to Jno. McGinnis corner and on from this Jackson's cross to alley leading to the colored Baptist Church.

On motion twenty five dollars was allowed to each physician composing the Board of Health of Dyersburg, to-wit: Drs. Summers, Ferguson and Tucker for year 1885.

The regular meeting night of Mayor and Aldermen was changed from first Monday to first Saturday night of each month.

The following ordinances were passed by the Board and ordered spread on minutes to-wit:

Ordinances

Be it enacted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Dyersburg, Tennessee;

That it shall be a violation of the Corporation ordinances for any person to do or cause to be done any of the following acts and any person tried and found guilty thereof shall be fined not less than one nor more than fifty dollars for each offense; and on failure to pay or secure the fine and cost shall be put in jail and worked on the streets until the fine and cost are satisfied:

Section 1 – No person shall do business in the Corporation without first taking out license,

Section 2 – No vehicles shall be left standing with teams hitched to them,

Section 3 – No person shall be allowed to sell intoxicating drinks to a minor,

Section 4 – No person shall cut, deface or damage shade trees, houses or awnings,

Section 5 – Horses shall not be run through town in harness or under saddle,

Section 6 – No unlawful gaming shall be allowed within the limits of the Corporation,

Section 7 – There shall be no card playing in any business or Out-house in the Corporation,

Section 8 – No firearms shall be discharged within the Corporation limits unless really necessary,

Section 9 – No vehicles, woodpiles or any other obstructions shall be left in the streets or alleys,

Section 10 – No theatrical or other shows shall be exhibited within the Corporation without license,

Section 11 – Plows, implements and other obstructions shall not be allowed to remain on pavements or sidewalks.

Section 12 – All persons found carrying concealed weapons within the Corporation shall be arrested by the Marshal,

Section 13 – All persons shall obey such sanitary regulations as may be from time to time adopted for the good of the Town,

Section 14 – Houses of Ill-fame shall not be allowed within the Corporation limits and the Marshal is ordered to abate all such,

Section 15 – No person shall resist the Marshal in making arrests, but all persons shall assist him when called upon for that purpose,

Section 16 – Stallions and Jacks shall not be exhibited within the Corporation unless at a place provided for that purpose under permission,

Section 17 – No person shall be allowed to keep open any saloon or Tippling House after 12 o'clock Saturday night nor on the Sabbath day,

Section 18 – All persons without visable means of support, or found loitering about saloons, gambling houses, or the streets, shall be arrested by the Marshal,

Section 19 – Horses shall not be tied to shade or ornamental trees, fences, houses, be led or driven on sidewalks or pavements nor suffored to run at large in the streets,

Section 20 – It shall be the duty of the Marshal to suppress all gambling or gaming houses, Browdy Houses, and all disorderly houses within the Corporation limits,

Section 21 – No person shall be allowed to disturb in any way persons who have obtained license from the Corporation to pursue or carry in their usual business,

Section 22 – The Marshal shall arrest all persons engaged in riotous or disorderly conduct such as cursing, fighting or making any disturbance contrary to the peace of the law,

Section 23 – No person shall sell, deal out or give away on Sunday any spirituous or malt or vinous liquors from any saloon, grocery or business house in the Corporation,

Section 24 – Fiddling or dancing or any similar disorderly conduct in saloons or out houses or on the streets shall not be allowed and the Marshal is instructed to abate all such,

Section 25 – No fire crackers, roman candles, sky rockets, coal oil balls or other fireworks shall be exhibited within the Corporation unless by special permit of the Mayor and Aldermen,

Section 26 – There shall be no nuisances placed either in the streets or alleys and all health ordinances passed by the Board of Health shall after 5 days notice be enforced by the City Marshal,

Section 27 – No wooden buildings or additions thereto shall be erected within 120 feet of the public square and it shall be the duty of the Marshal to arrest the party or person attempting to have such building done and also to immediately tear down the building or additions put up contrary to law,

Section 28 – All persons notified by the Marshal as owners, occupants, or agents of any house, wall awning, sidewalk or other structure that may be considered dangerous or detrimental to the citizens unless the same be removed or repaired after 5 days notice by the Marshal shall be arrested and fined for each offense or notice,

Section 29 – It shall be the duty of the fire warden to regulate the storage of gun powder, coal oil and all other combustible explosive or inflammable material and the use of lights, candles, lamps, stovepipes, chimney flues in all store houses, dwellings out-houses, shops, stables and all other houses, and all persons after having 5 days notice to suppress, regulate or repair the same and on failure to do so shall be arrested by the Marshal and if found guilty shall be fined for each offense or notice and it shall be the duty of the fire warden to repair or tear down at the expense of the party notified, all chimneys, flues, pipes or other obstructions that hazard the dangers of fire.

Section 30 – Be it enacted that the above and foregoing ordinances passed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Dyersburg, shall be enforced by the Marshal, and all persons violating the same in any one of them, shall be arrested by the Marshal and if found guilty shall be fined not less than one nor more than fifty dollars.

On motion no further business appearing Board adjourned.

B. L. Thomas, Mayor

Attest: W. R. Hayes, Recorder