

**BOARD MEETING**  
**June 9, 1875**  
**Court House**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Dyersburg met at Court House this Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1875 on call of the Mayor.

Present Mayor Sugg, Aldermen Pinner, Deberry, Smither, Thurman & White and Marshall Fowlkes.

The Mayor explained the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of considering the propriety and importance of appointing a night watch or police for the purpose of protecting the Town against accidental or incendiary fires.

On motion of Alderman Pinner it was ordered that the Board appoint a night policeman whose duty shall be to patrol the Town each night from 8 o'clock p.m. until 5 o'clock a.m. with full power to arrest disturbers of the peace or all suspicious characters who cannot give a satisfactory account of themselves, the same to be confined in jail until morning at which time the parties in arrest are to be turned over to the Marshall to be brought before the Mayor for trial, the said policeman to be under the direction and control of the Marshall and his salary is hereby fixed at Thirty 00/100 Dollars (\$30.00) per month, all the members of the Board present voting for the same.

On motion the Board proceeded to elect a night policeman for one month from this date, whereupon on ballot Henry Nichols was declared duly elected and he being present was duly sworn by the Mayor.

The Marshall was directed by the Board to procure the school house bell if possible and place it in a proper position to be used in as a fire bell.

On motion the Board proceeded to elect a night policeman for one month to be paid by the citizens, he to take their subscription and to collect his pay from them at the rate of (\$30.00) Thirty 00/100 Dollars per month, said policeman's duty shall be to patrol the Square and the alleys in the rear of all the business houses, with full power to arrest all disturbers of the peace or any suspicious characters who cannot give a satisfactory account of themselves and confine them in jail until morning and then by him to be turned over to the Marshall for trial; said policeman to be on duty from 8 o'clock p.m. to 5 o'clock a.m. and to be under the direction and control of the Marshall.

When on ballot Mr. A. A. Biggs was declared duly elected and he appearing in meeting was duly sworn by the Mayor.

On motion Board adjourned.

E. G. Sugg, Mayor

Attest: N. C. White, Recorder