

BOARD MEETING
March 6, 1886
Court House

Be it remembered that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for Town of Dyersburg, Tennessee met in regular session on Saturday night March 6, 1886 at the Court House.

Present and presiding Mayor B. L. Thomas, Aldermen Smith, Turner, Brackin, Sinclair, Hayes and Marshal Smith.

Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and singed.

On motion report of committee on walk to college building was read and committee discharged and on motion account in favor B. A. Hagenwood for work on said walk for \$34.25 and A. M. Stevens for \$10.20 was allowed and ordered paid.

On motion committee report on walk from Pinner's to Dr. Ferguson's corner was read and was discharged work having been reported done.

On motion following accounts were allowed:

865 – J. W. Parr	\$ 3.50
866 – M. P. Ofalvey	\$ 10.00
867 – H. W. Vaughn	\$ 3.15
868 – Tom W. Neal	\$ 10.00
869 – A. M. Stevens	\$105.40

On motion Mrs. Russell was allowed:

872 - \$10.00 for waiting on Ms. Simmons and:

873 – Caroline Connell was allowed \$7.00 for waiting on Mrs. Simmons.

On motion a committee was appointed to have street lamps repaired and put up new ones at such places as they deem necessary on Depot Street, Smith, Turner and Brackin.

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

On motion a committee was appointed to investigate the sewer at Tucker Hotel and if in their judgment it was thought best to have the same filled up with dirt and the Board of Health was made committee on same, Turner, Tucker, Ferguson, Thomas.

On motion E. W. Smith was appointed to investigate the matter and see if arrangements could be made for widening the street that runs from Depot to Main Street west of B. T. Hartons residence.

On motion Marshal Smith's report was ordered spread on minutes and reads as follows:

Amt. of Taxes collected - \$427.00	By warrant	\$ 148.20
School fund	141.50	Mayor's Orders 273.52 1/2
Fines & cash	<u>78.60</u>	Treasurer <u>178.60</u>

TOTAL	\$647.10	TOTAL	\$600.32 ½
Leaving balance on hand March 3, 1886			\$ 46.77 ½

On motion the following ordinance was passed

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

Sect. 1 – The secretary of the Board of Health is hereby constituted, Ex-office, City Registrar and shall perform the duties herein after provided,

Sect. 2 – It shall be the duty of the city registrar to keep a faithful record of all the births and deaths occurring in Dyersburg in accordance with this ordinance or such ordinances as may be enacted by the Mayor and Aldermen of Dyersburg from time to time in relation thereto and forward monthly reports to secretary of State Board of Health.

Sect. 3 – That every physician, surgeon or mid-wife who may be in professional attendance at any birth in the city or in absence of all of the aforesaid parties, the head of or particular member of the household within (24) twenty-four hours after birth occurs shall file a written statement of the fact with the city registrar which written statement shall give in full the following particulars: the date of the birth, name of the child (if it has any) sex and color of the child, the Christian and surname of both parents, the residence and nativity of parents and the relationship, if any, of parents and the occupation of the father.

Sect. 4 – Every undertaker or other person before removing any corpse for burial shall obtain a permit from the city registrar to do so, and in order to obtain such permit, he shall present a certificate from the attending physician which shall embrace in full the following facts: the date of death, the Christian and surname of deceased, the sex and color, whether married, single or widower or widow, the age in years, months and days and the disease or apparent cause of death. If there has been no physician in attendance some responsible person cognant of the facts in the case shall apply to the city registrar or any regular physician and give such a statement as will enable him to fill out the certificate for the undertaker. If in any case the account given to the physician is of such a character as to leave any doubt as to whether death was the result of natural causes he shall report the same at once to the county corinor for investigation. In the event any attempt being made to remove the body of any person who has died in the city limits without the required permit, the police are authorized to detain the same until said permit has been obtained.

Sect. 5 – It shall be the duty of all physicians to report to the health officer immediately the existence of any case of small pox, measles, whooping cough, cholera, diphtheria, scarlet fever, typhoid fever and yellow fever, occurring within his knowledge.

Sect. 6 – Any failure to comply with the law shall be a misdemeanor subjecting the parties or party in default to a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars.

Sect. 7 – This law to take effect from and after its passage.

No further business appearing, on motion Board adjourned.

B. L. Thomas, Mayor

Attest: W. R. Hayes, Recorder