

BOARD MEETING
April 1, 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 1st day of April 1878

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

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

Alderman Thurmond tendered his resignation as Alderman, when on motion it was ordered that the resignation of Alderman Thurmond be and is hereby accepted.

The committee appointed at last meeting for the purpose of contracting for suitable lumber for plank walks reported that they had made a contract with Meprs Hobby & Son for said lumber and that the parties were now delivering the lumber upon the ground when it was needed, when on motion it was ordered that the report be received and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed to further investigate the tax question reported that in their opinion, in order to raise sufficient revenue to meet current expenses there would have to be a privilege tax levied on all dealers carrying less than \$2,500.00 stock, of \$7.50 and on all carrying over that amount .30 cents on the one hundred dollars; advalorem.

After considerable discussion of this question on motion it was ordered that all business houses or dealers doing business in this town shall pay a privilege tax of not less than Ten 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and all dealers carrying over Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) stock shall pay an additional advalorem privilege tax of .15 cents on each one hundred dollars in excess of that amount, the amount of stock on hand the 15th day of April 1878 to be reported and subject to this tax the following tax was levied on saloons \$10.00 on livery stables \$10.00 on photographers \$5.00 on tanners who deal in stoves and manufactured articles \$5.00 on milliners \$5.00 on all billiard tables or any other kind of tables kept and play for profit a tax of \$2.50.

On motion it was ordered that a committee be appointed to let out the building of the plank walks by specification to the lowest bidder, Mayor Clarke, Aldermen Miller and Nichols were appointed committee.

When on motion Board adjourned.

C. P. Clarke, Mayor

Attest: N. C. White, Recorder