

City Hall, Nashville, April 23, 1861

Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashville.

Present – Messrs. Jackson, McFerran, Horn, Meigs, Hurley, Cox.

President Horn took the chair and called the Board to order.

The Minutes of Meetings held April 9th and 19th were read, approved and signed by the President.

The Mayor sent in the resignation of M. M. Brien, Esq. as Alderman from the 6th Ward, which was read and received.

The regular order of business was on motion suspended for the purpose of giving into an election to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Brien. Major B. S. Rhea was nominated and elected Alderman from the sixth Ward to serve for the balance of the Municipal Year.

Mr. Rhea being present was sworn in by the Recorder and took his seat as a member of the Board.

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Mr. McFerran, Chairman Work House committee presented a communication from William Dix, Keeper of the Work House recommending the wrecking of the Steam Boat Sligo belonging to the City, as she was in a sinking condition. Read and laid on the table.

Unfinished Business

The Bill “To amend existing laws regulating wharfage,” was read the second time and passed.

The Bill “To establish Front Street from Broad to Castleman,” was read the second time and passed.

The Bill “To abolish the office of Chief of Detective Police,” was read the second time indefinitely postponed.

The Bill “To authorize the laying down of 8 inch water pipe on College Street from Broad Street to the Public Square,” was read the second time, when Mr. Cox withdrew his amendment to the Bill, and it then passed.

Mr. Cox moved to suspend the regular order of business so as to give F. B. Fogg, Esq., President of the Board of Education, an opportunity of presenting a communication from the Teachers of the Public Schools, which [on] motion prevailed.

Mr. Fogg then read a communication from the Teachers tendering their services in the month of June “gratis,” whereupon Mr. Cox offered the following resolutions, which was adopted. Resolved by the City Council, That the proposition of the Superintendent and Teachers of the High Schools be and the same is hereby most gratefully accepted by the City Council.

From the Common Council

The Bill “To appropriate \$100,000.00 to provide for the defense of the City,” was taken up and passed on the first and second readings, under a suspension of the rule, when Mr.

Rhea offered a Bill in lieu of the original. Mr. Cox moved to refer the Bills to a Committee of three and the Mayor. The motion prevailed. The President appointed Messrs. Cox, McFerran, and Meigs on Said Committee.

Mr. Rhea introduced a Bill to raise funds for the immediate defense of the City, which was read and referred to the same Committee.

He also introduced a Bill "To further protect the lives, liberties, and property of citizens of Nashville," which was read and referred to the same Committee.

The Bill "To repeal the Act passed March 23, 1860 relating to the Sinking Fund," was [read] the first time and passed and on motion referred to the same Committee.

The Bill "To create additional Police," was read the first time and on motion indefinitely postponed.

The Bill, "To amend an act regulating free persons of color," was read the first time and passed.

The Bill, "To appropriate \$125.00 to cover the Sexton House, was read the first time

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New Business

Mr. Cox offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved by the City Council of Nashville that the Mayor in conjunction with the Committee on Work House be and they are hereby authorized to sell or wreck the Steamer Sligo at the earliest practicable period and in such way as they may deem best for the preservation of all that is in any way valuable and in the way pointed out in the report of the Keeper of the Work House.

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Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashville.

Present – Messrs. Jackson, McFerran, Horn, Meigs, Rhea, Hurley, Cox

President Horn took the chair and called the Board to order.

Mr. Cox from the Special Committee to whom was referred the Bill "To raise funds for immediate use in the defense of the City," the Bill "To repeal an act passed March 23, 1860 relating to the Sinking Fund," the Bill "To protect the lives, liberties, and property of the Citizens of Nashville," and The Bill "To constitute a committee on Public Safety and to make appropriations for the defense of the City" reported as follows –

The Committee recommend[ed] the rejection of the first Section of the Bill entitled, "An act to repeal an act passed March 23, 1860 relating to the Sinking Fund," and would recommend the amendment of the Bill entitled "An act to raise funds for the immediate use in the defense of the City," by the insertion of the Second Section of the act entitled an act to repeal an act passed March 23, 1860: and also the striking out of the word "Six" in the 2nd Section of the Bill to raise funds for the immediate use in the defense of the City and inserting "such number of Bonds as may be necessary for the carrying out the objects of these Bills."

The Committee recommend[ed] the passage of the Bill "To constitute a Committee on Public Safety and to make appropriation for the defense of the City." They would recommend striking out the 7th Section of the Bill "To protect the lives, liberties and

property of the Citizens of Nashville,” and thus amended that it should pass. The Committee recommend[ed] the rejection or indefinite postponement of the Bill “To further protect the lives, liberties and property of the Citizens of Nashville.”

The Bill “To appropriate \$100,000.00 to provide for the defense of the Citizens

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read the third time and passed by the following Vote, Ayes, Messrs. Jackson, Rhea, Meigs, Hurley, Cox and President Horn. Nays, 0.

Mr. McFerran appeared and took his seat.

The Bill “To further protect the lives, liberties and property of the City of Nashville” was indefinitely postponed.

The Bill “To provide for raising funds for the immediate use in the defense of the City” was amended and passed on its 2nd and 3rd readings under a Suspension of the Rule.

The Bill “To constitute a Committee on Public Safety, etc. was read and amended and passes on its 2nd and 3rd readings under a Suspension of the Rule.

Mr. Rhea offered the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved by the City Council of Nashville That all those of our Citizens who have already attached themselves to Volunteer home guard companies, be requested to attach themselves to the Company in his or their own Ward, and where a full company in a Ward is already organized said Company be respectfully requested to accept of the provisions of the act just passed, organizing a Regiment as a permanent “home guard,” and report themselves to the Mayor at as early a day as practicable.

He also offered the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved by the City Council of Nashville, That in addition to the Committee of Safety already provided for by law, the Board of Aldermen be authorized to appoint two and the Common Council three of the City of Nashville, not members of either board, who are authorized and respectfully requested to act in conjunction with present committee touching all matters properly coming before it.

The President appointed Messrs. J. B. Knowles and R. H. Gardner on behalf of this Board under the above resolution, and Messrs. Rhea and Cox from this Board.

The amendment of the Common Council to the Resolution accepting the proposition of the Teachers was read and the same was postponed.

The Board then on motion adjourned.

{signed} William H. Horn

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