

April 2, 2018
5:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
Ripley City Courtroom

- Proposed ordinance of the City of Ripley, Tennessee amending Title 10 Animal Control to enact modifications to the existing Vicious Dogs provisions and to enact further provisions regulating dog ownership and possession

Mayor Pavletic presiding

Aldermen present: Alston, Beard, Davis, Hankins and Treadway

Aldermen absent: Chipman

Also present: Donna Buckner, Superintendent Johnie Ford, Chief Tracey Worlds, Chief Donnell Baltimore, Sammy Grantland, Director Randy Danley and Scott Nelson

Visitors: Stephanie Crowder and Peggy Haynie

Mayor Pavletic polled the board for input regarding ordinance:

Alderman Davis stated he has heard no input of objection to ordinance.

Alderman Beard stated none.

Alderwoman Alston stated none.

Alderwoman Treadway stated none.

Alderman Hankins stated everything he has heard has been positive.

Attorney Jackson stated none.

Ms. Buckner stated Mr. Joseph Jones came into office and stated that some Pits are tame and some are violent. His dog stays in the house but happened to get out and was picked up.

Mr. Grantland stated Mr. Jones also spoke with him. He released Mr. Jones' dog and Mr. Jones took him to stay in the county.

Ms. Peggy Haynie ask how one breed could be taken off the list but the other two left on the list?

Alderman Hankins stated it was determined by national numbers. The top three were the same but the Doberman had dropped down. The main issue remains the Pit Bull.

Ms. Haynie asked was it not looked at before the Doberman was added to vicious dog list.

Attorney Jackson stated in the early 1990's there had been some local attacks and deaths in Shelby County right on the heels of a death in Lauderdale County. The statistics at that time did support the ordinance passed at that time as a measure to be proactive in dealing with those breeds. This committee not only looked at the state, national and local statistics for the various breeds already breed specific in the statue but they considered other Tennessee cities which have similar ordinances and the majority do have ordinances that in some way control the ownership of Pit Bulls. People living in the city limits live closer to one another and come into contact with each other and animals more closely and in mass. In many cities there are bans against ownership of Pit Bulls. This is sort of the middle ground in not completely banning ownership but putting restrictions in place that really do regulate and control what happens if you decide to

own one. Pit Bulls, by nature, can be aggressive and people tend to abuse that quality. Cities are trying to be proactive in protecting people and other domestic animals against the people who do that.

Alderman Davis stated the German Shepherd was eliminated from the list as well.

Ms. Haynie stated there are other vicious dogs, such as the Chow.

Alderman Hankins stated in this ordinance any dog that commits a violent act becomes labeled as a vicious dog.

Attorney Jackson stated there just isn't as wide-spread ownership of the Chow as it is the Pit Bull so they don't tend to be a public issue.

Attorney Jackson emphasized to the board that there is going to have to be a data bank of information maintained by animal control officer. A data bank of dogs that have had previous complaints so that we will know what provisions apply.

No further comments.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor

April 2, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Ripley City Courtroom

Mayor Pavletic presiding

Aldermen present: Alston, Beard, Davis, Hankins and Treadway

Aldermen absent: Chipman

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Jackson, Chief Tracey Worlds, Chief Donnell Baltimore, Superintendent Johnnie Ford, Scott Nelson, and Director Randy Danley

Visitors: Stephanie Crowder, Peggy Haynie, Dean Barlow, Kenny Stowe, Chase Davenport, Mary Ella Barnes, Travis Martin, Tatyana Simmons, Jacinta Fritz, Rickey Taylor, Jessica Chalk, Robert Garrison, Lee Johnston and Jay Heath

Kenny Stowe, Whitefield Assembly Church, opened meeting with prayer.

Mayor Pavletic led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderwoman Treadway to approve March 5, 2018 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
2. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Beard to approve March 2018 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Correspondence: none

Travis Martin discussed 2017 LPRF Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Ripley and Halls, Tennessee

3. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderwoman Alston to approve 2017 LPRF Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Ripley and Halls, Tennessee prepared by TLM Associates, reviewed and accepted by TDEC Recreational Services. All aye including mayor

Chase Davenport discussed Lauderdale Day scheduled for May 8, 2018. Activities will include partnering with police and fire departments, a parade and installing little free libraries at various locations around the county.

4. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Hankins to approve upon obtaining property owner release of liability for city to dig post holes for placement of Little Free Libraries. All aye including mayor
5. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Beard to approve 2nd reading proposed ordinance of the City of Ripley, Tennessee to amend Title 10 Animal Control, to enact modifications to the existing Vicious Dogs provisions and to enact further provisions regulating dog ownership and possession. All aye including mayor
6. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderwoman Alston to approve TCRS employer contribution rate of 14.43% for period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Beard to award 2016 LPRF park concrete work bid to SDT Contractors in the amount of \$16,000 as recommended by TLM Associates, Inc. All aye
8. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Davis to retain Mark Hayes (Dyersburg) as recommended by Attorney Jackson as separate counsel for representation in the matter of TNT Maintenance Management, Inc. versus City of Ripley. All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderwoman Treadway to select panel for Samuel Starks disciplinary review hearing. Panel to include Mike Allmand, Tracey Worlds and Johnie Ford with Randy Danley as substitute. All aye
10. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Davis to approve renewal certificate of compliance submitted by Wal-Mart Stores East, LP d/b/a Wal-Mart #97, 628 Highway 51 N., Ripley, Tennessee 38063. All aye

Schedule budget meeting for April 16th and April 30th at 8:00 a.m. at Ripley City Hall Boardroom.

11. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Davis to solicit request for qualifications for proposals to prepare ADA Transition Plan for city property. All aye
12. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Beard to approve request of Ripley Housing Authority, through its subsidiary 501(C)3 Servecom, Inc., to donate 274 Hamby Circle to Servecom, Inc. All aye

Department Reports:

Ripley Parks & Recreation: Director Randy Danley gave monthly report.

13. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Hankins to approve lowest and most responsive bidder on April 5th for tennis court resurfacing with work to be completed prior to April 21, 2018. All aye

Ripley Public Works & Codes Departments: Superintendent Johnie Ford gave monthly report.

Ripley Police Department: Chief Donnell Baltimore gave monthly report.

Ripley Fire Department: Chief Tracey Worlds gave monthly report.

Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater Department: Superintendent Scott Nelson gave monthly report.

Ripley Power & Light Department: Alderman Beard gave monthly report.

Ripley Housing Authority: Alderwoman Alston gave monthly report.

Mayor asked board to contact Donna Buckner if they wish to attend TML Conference. Site Improvement Grant \$341,000 approved. Notify City Hall if you plan to attend the Chamber banquet. Carl Perkins parade scheduled for Friday at 10:00 a.m. MLK Celebration group invites all Lauderdale County churches to ring their bells on Wednesday at 6:01 p.m. 39 times.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor