

August 31, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Special Called Meeting
Ripley City Courtroom

Present: Alston, Chipman, Davis, Hankins and Treadway

Absent: Pavletic and Beard

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

Visitors: Carol Davis, Ron Goforth, James Bond, Jr., Stan York, Diana York, Pam Fitzhugh, Craig Fitzhugh, James Treadway, Linda Love, Joan Sigman, Leslie Sigman, and Amanda Adkinson

In the absence of Mayor Pavletic, per City of Ripley Charter, the board determines from their membership who should preside.

1. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Alston to appoint Alderman Chipman to preside in the absence of Mayor Pavletic. All aye

Presiding Alderman Chipman called the meeting to order. Alderman Chipman requested Alderman Hankins to announce the protocol for meeting:

The 2020 General Municipal Election was held on August 6, 2020 resulting in the election of Aldermen Nyrita Alston, Alonzo Beard, Billy Chipman, Bill Davis, Paul Hankins, Janice Treadway and Mayor Craig Fitzhugh to their respective positions. Per the city charter, the retiring Board of Mayor and Aldermen shall hold their last meeting after election is certified to pass all necessary resolutions and all such rules and regulations to properly turn over to the incoming Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Roll call by city recorder:

Alderman Alston – present
Alderman Beard – absent
Alderman Chipman – present
Alderman Davis – present
Alderman Hankins – present
Alderman Treadway – present
Mayor Pavletic – absent

Alderman Chipman led invocation and pledge of allegiance.

2. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Alston to approve August 3, 2020 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.

Rachel Jackson, Judge of the Lauderdale County Probate and Juvenile Court, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Elect Craig Fitzhugh.

Rachel Jackson, Judge of the Lauderdale County Probate and Juvenile Court, administered the Oath of Office and presented certificates to Aldermen Nyrita Alston, Billy Chipman, Bill Davis, Paul Hankins and Janice Treadway.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Fitzhugh called the August 31, 2020 Special Called Meeting to order.

Roll call of new board by city recorder:

Alderman Alston – present
Alderman Beard – absent

Alderman Chipman – present
Alderman Davis – present
Alderman Hankins – present
Alderman Treadway – present
Mayor Fitzhugh – present

Mayor Fitzhugh offered special wishes to Alderman Beard for a speedy recovery.

Mayor Fitzhugh thanked family and friends for their support of his election and his pledge to the citizens of Ripley for the future.

Mayor Fitzhugh thanked Mayor Pavletic and his wife and family for their years of service to the city and the children of Lauderdale County. Mayor Fitzhugh recommended to name the exercise fitness room at the Ripley Family Fitness Center for Mayor Pavletic.

3. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve naming the exercise fitness room at the Ripley Family Fitness Center for Mayor Pavletic. All aye including mayor.

Mayor Fitzhugh presented his appointments of City Recorder-Treasurer Donna Buckner and Ripley City Attorney Rachel Jackson.

4. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Treadway to approve appointments as presented by mayor. All aye including mayor.

Mayor Fitzhugh presented his appointments of department heads: Fire Chief - Tracey Worlds, Police Chief – Mitchell Turner, Public Works Superintendent – Johnie Ford and Parks & Recreation Director – Randy Danley.

5. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Treadway to approve appointments as presented by mayor. All aye including mayor.

Mayor Fitzhugh presented his appointments of board liaisons: Police – Alderman Davis, Fire – Alderman Alston, Public Works – Alderman Hankins, Park & Recreation – Alderman Chipman, Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater – Alderman Treadway and Ripley Power & Light – Alderman Beard.

6. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Davis to approve appointments as presented by mayor. All aye including mayor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor