

October 5, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting
Ripley City Courtroom

Mayor Fitzhugh called the meeting to order and requested Recorder Buckner for roll call.

Board members present: Alston, Chipman, Davis, Fitzhugh, Hankins, and Treadway

Board members absent: Beard

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Jackson, Chief Mitchell Turner, Superintendent Johnie Ford, Director Randy Danley, Chief Tracey Worlds and Superintendent Mike Allmand

Visitors: Sergeant Travis Beraud, Vernadean Tyus, Tenthly Pounds, Martha Fields, Everette Fields, Kevin James, Mary Ann Jarrett, Ron Goforth, Austin Thompson, Jr., Diane Beard, Mary Beard, Garie Andrews, Mickey Hamlin and Angie Allmand

Invocation: Alderman Chipman

Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Treadway to approve September 8, 2020 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. Roll call - All aye
2. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to approve September 2020 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. Roll call - All aye

Correspondence: none

Recorder Buckner read Memorial Resolution for the late Alderman Alonzo Beard.

3. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Hankins to approve Memorial Resolution for the late Alderman Alonzo Beard. Roll call – All aye
4. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve Mayor Fitzhugh's recommendation to appoint Austin Thompson, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of the late Alonzo Beard. Roll call – All aye

Kevin James request to address the Board regarding drainage issues at 114 Willow Creek Drive. He requested the city replace the culvert located behind his residence due to drainage issues.

Superintendent Johnie Ford stated the city would have to go onto private property to address the issue.

Attorney Jackson stated the city does not have an easement on that property and cannot expend its resources on private property.

Mayor Fitzhugh stated the board received a written opinion from city council in regards to the conflict of interest issue and after the meeting he would share his council's opinion with Board members.

Alderman Hankins ask for city council to go on record with her written opinion regarding the conflict of interest issue.

Attorney Jackson stated she provided to the Board an opinion, expressed in confidence, with regard to the issue that surround the question of a conflict of interest. Those issues flow primarily, as the Mayor indicated, from his position and ownership status at the Bank of Ripley. There are circumstances that presently create a conflict of interest and she has expressed what those barriers are. She believes the Mayor has provided a written response to the Board for consideration.

5. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Davis to approve resolution to execute and submit application with appropriate assurances to the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation, requesting FY 2020-2021 Multimodel funds for the 2020-2021 City of Ripley Multimodel Access Grant. Roll call – All aye
6. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Alston to approve agreement between the City of Ripley and TLM Associates, Inc. to provide all engineering professional services necessary for 2019 Multimodel SR-209 project. Roll call – All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve the City of Ripley to apply for 2020 Public Parks and Recreation Grant Cycle with assurances. Roll call – All aye
8. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Treadway to select Community Development Partners, LLC to provide assistance in the preparation and administration of the City of Ripley’s 2020 Parks and Recreation project. Roll call – All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Alston to select TLM Associates, Inc. to provide assistance in the preparation and implementation of the City of Ripley’s 2020 Parks and Recreation project. Roll call – All aye
10. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Hankins to approve new Ripley Police Department manual to meet TLEA Accreditation standards. Roll call – All aye
11. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to appoint a committee to review options for disbursement of Coronavirus Relief Funds & Stafford Act Public Assistance. Alderman Hankins and Alderman Alston appointed to committee. Roll call – All aye

Alderman Hankins updated the Board on current funeral leave policy as it compares to surrounding areas. Alderman Hankins to confer with City Attorney and City Recorder for further review. Item to be placed on November agenda.

Mayor Fitzhugh opened the floor to department heads for any discussion regarding department reports printed and delivered in agenda packages.

Alderman Hankins reported a new code enforcement officer has been hired.

Mayor Fitzhugh reminded everyone to wear their mask, keep their distance and wash their hands.

Attorney Jackson administered Oath of Office to newly appointed Alderman Austin Thompson, Jr.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor