

March 1, 2021  
5:30 p.m.  
Public Hearing  
Ripley City Courtroom

- Proposed ordinance to amend the Ripley Municipal Code, Title 13, Municipal Court Cost

Mayor Fitzhugh called the meeting to order.

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

Board members absent: Treadway

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Jackson, Superintendent Johnie Ford, Chief Tracey Worlds and Chief Turner

Visitor: Beverly Hutcherson

No comments received for or against.

Meeting adjourned 5:45 p.m.

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Donna Buckner, Recorder

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Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor

March 1, 2021  
6:00 p.m.  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Ripley City Courtroom

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

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

Board members absent: Treadway

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

Visitors: Ron Goforth, Jason Maddox, Susan Worlds and Joseph Jones

Invocation: Mayor Fitzhugh

Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Thompson to approve February 1, 2021 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
2. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Hankins to approve February 2021 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Correspondence:

- Several calls of appreciation to the different departments during the inclement weather

- Thank you card from Donna Sanders for the assistance of the Ripley Police Department during Martin Luther King Day

Susan Worlds, Director of Lauderdale Chamber and ECD, announced Asset Based Planning Meeting set March 19, 2021

Mayor Fitzhugh recognized our Ripley Parks & Recreation and local health department for their diligence in providing our citizens COVID-19 vaccinations.

#### Department Reports

3. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve off premises beer permit application for Jimenez Valencia d.b.a. Tacos vs. Sushi Bar and Grill, Inc., 1320 Hwy. 51 N., Ripley, TN 38063. All aye
4. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Davis to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading proposed ordinance to amend Ripley Municipal Code, Title 13, Municipal Court Cost. All aye
5. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Thompson to submit application for Select Tennessee Site Development Grant (SDG) funds for water line improvements for the American Way Industrial site in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 with Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater being responsible for all required local cash/matching funds. All aye
6. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Hankins to appoint committee to score and award request for proposals for administrative services and engineering services for pending SDG grant to be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. CST, March 3, 2021. Committee: Alston, Chipman and Nelson. All aye

Jason Maddox/MAACO Properties request to address the Board regarding Ripley Planning Commission's denial of rezoning request for 223 Kellar Avenue (Spring Forest Apartments).

Recorder Buckner updated the Board stating MAACO Properties made application for rezoning property located at 223 Kellar Avenue (Spring Forest Apartments) from R-1 to R-4. When this property was built it was under City of Ripley Zoning Regulations. Since that time the City of Ripley has changed R-1 no longer allowing multi-family properties in that zone. They are asking for the property to be rezoned to R-4 which allows for multi-family. The Ripley Planning Commission met and denied the request based on the discussion of possible future rezoning request for adjacent land that's in that same area. TCA only requires a zoning request to be heard by Planning Commission. It's not required for it to be approved by the Planning Commission before it comes before Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Attorney Jackson to research and report to the Board.

7. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Thompson to continue discussion in the April meeting. All aye

Fire Chief Worlds request for the Board to continue discussion of change to personnel policy regarding accrual rate of sick leave for fire department employees.

Mayor Fitzhugh stated MTAS will conduct review of fire department and issue opinion. Attorney Jackson to contact MTAS.

8. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve resolution amending Personnel Rules & Regulations adopting inclement weather provisions retro back to February 16, 2021. All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Thompson to approve audit contract for period ending June 30, 2021 between City of Ripley and Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC in the amount of \$21,025 with a \$3,750 single audit fee. Roll call -All aye

10. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve purchase of 25' x 40' amphitheater structure only for City Park per quote from Porter Corporation in an amount of \$61,416 Sourcewell contract. Roll call - All aye

Mayor Fitzhugh announced county-wide Great American Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He provided signage for litter awareness.

Mayor Fitzhugh announced Save-the-Children Foundation sponsoring food distribution at First Baptist Ripley this week.

Mayor Fitzhugh announced NAACP Branch 5660/BCBS Foundation grant to promote COVID vaccinations and to educate persons for COVID vaccines.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Donna Buckner, Recorder

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Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor