

July 2, 2012
5:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
Ripley City Courtroom

- Proposed FY 2012-2013 budget and tax rate ordinance (\$1.99)

Mayor absent

Aldermen present: Chipman, Hankins, King, Alston and Beard

Aldermen absent: Davis

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Steve Crain and Johnie Ford

Alderman Chipman stated he spoke with Representative Craig Fitzhugh regarding the decision to continue supporting HTL-Advantage or supplement the Washington Street project. Representative Fitzhugh indicated his priority would be completing the Washington Street project. Alderman Chipman explained the City of Ripley would use the proposed \$50,000 for Tri-County Economic Development (HTL Advantage) and make a loan for the balance with DEVCO's pledged contribution.

Attorney Crain stated that due to the absence of the Mayor, the city charter requires board to elect Mayor Pro-Tem from the aldermen.

1. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Beard to elect Alderman Chipman as Mayor Pro-Tem. All aye

Alderman Chipman asked for comments regarding budget process. He stated many issues were considered before determining a tax increase was necessary.

Public hearing closed 5:55 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor

July 2, 2012
6:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Ripley City Courtroom

Mayor absent

Aldermen present: Alston, Beard, Chipman, Davis, King and Hankins

Aldermen absent: none

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Steve Crain, Chief Temple, Johnie Ford, Scott Nelson and Seal Elder

Visitors: Shelia Hartsfield, Betty Arthur and Gwinn Blackman

Attorney Crain announced the decision made during the 5:30 Public Hearing to appointment Alderman Chipman as Mayor Pro-Tem in the absence of the Mayor per city charter requirements.

Alderman Chipman called meeting to order and offered Mayor Pavletic condolences on behalf of the board and the City of Ripley.

Ron Goforth sang National Anthem.

Alderman Hankins led in Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Hankins to approve June 1st, June 4th, June 6th, June 12th, June 14th, and June 22nd, 2012 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
2. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman King to approve June 2012 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Correspondence: none

3. Motion by Alderwoman Davis and second by Alderman Beard to approve Mayors recommendation to appoint Tommy Climer to Ripley Zoning Board of Appeals – five (5) year term. All aye
4. Motion by Alderman King and second by Alderman Hankins to approve 3rd reading FY 2012-2013 budget and tax rate ordinance (\$1.99).

Discussion: Alderman Hankins discussed HTL-Advantage contribution

5. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman King to withdraw motion and approve 3rd reading FY 2012-2013 budget and tax rate ordinance (\$1.99) with amendment to withdraw appropriated funds to HTL-Advantage of \$50,000 to complete Washington Street project.

Alderman Chipman disclosed discussion from Public Hearing in how the budget was balanced.

Vote: All aye

6. Motion by Alderman Beard and second by Alderwoman Alston to approve Ripley Power and Light FY 2012-2013 budget as approved by Ripley Power and Light board. All aye

Attorney Crain opened sealed bids submitted for FY 2012-2013 hourly/daily rates on large construction equipment and labor. Bids submitted by Floyd Construction and SDT Contractors.

7. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Hankins to accept low bid submitted by SDT Contractors for FY 2012-2013 hourly/daily rates on large construction equipment and labor. All aye

Attorney Crain opened sealed bids submitted for FY 2012-2013 rock, sand, gravel, concrete resurfacing with blacktop. One bid submitted by 51 Concrete, LLC for rock and sand and one bid submitted from West Tennessee Redi-Mix for concrete.

8. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Beard to accept both bids submitted. All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman King to approve contract between State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and City of Ripley for maintenance of state highways through municipalities. All aye
10. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman King to approve Memorandum of Understanding between City of Ripley and Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department regarding blood drawn for the purpose of arrest made by the Ripley Police Department for

driving while intoxicated/driving while impaired by alcohol, illegal substance and prescribed medications. All aye.

11. Motion by Alderman Alston and Alderman Hankins to accept offer by Tonia Estes for purchase of property located at 147 Watkins Street, Map 98-H-E-3.03 for \$1,000 and Watkins Street, Map 98-H-E-3.01 for \$1,000. All aye

12. Motion by Alderman Beard and second Alderwoman Alston to accept offer by Shirley Taylor for purchase of property located at 261 Chickasaw, Map 76-J-B-2.00 for \$200. All aye

Alderman Beard requested Mr. Mike Allmand to clarify Ripley Power and Light 2012-2013 budget.

Department Reports:

Ripley Parks & Recreation: Park & Recreation Director Seal Elder gave monthly report.

Alderman Chipman read thank you from Ripley Park & Recreation Day Camp.

Ripley Public Works: Alderman Davis gave monthly report and announced garbage pickup will be normal this week.

Ripley Police Department: Alderman King gave monthly report.

Ripley Fire Department: Alderwoman Alston gave monthly report.

Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater Department: Alderman Hankins gave monthly report.

Scott Nelson gave update on Cleveland Street project.

Ripley Power and Light Department: Alderman Beard gave monthly report and stated next meeting scheduled July 17, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Chipman reminded citizens of Tomato Festival activities scheduled for the weekend.

Alderman King asked everyone to be mindful of our freedom during this holiday and remembered Phillip Miller, 3rd highest decorated soldier.

Alderwoman Alston reminded everyone that Rice Park will be open July 4th with many activities to come out and enjoy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor