

January 3, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
Ripley City Courtroom

Mayor Pavletic presiding

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

Aldermen absent: Treadway

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Jackson, Chief Worlds, Chief Baltimore, Johnie Ford and Randy Danley

Visitors: Mickey Carihfield, Scott Nelson, Chris Cobb, Joe Bennett, Robert Garrison, Johnny Nelson, Gwen Blackman, Amanda Adkerson, Kenneth Stowe, and Dorisha Wright

- Proposed ordinance to amend Sections 18-205(4)(e) and 18-205(5) of the Ripley Municipal Code pertaining to specific pollutant limitations permitted in the municipal sanitary sewer system and criteria to project wastewater treatment plant influent

No negative comments received.

- Proposed ordinance to amend the municipal zoning map of Ripley, Tennessee by rezoning Charles Cooper property located near 148 Watkins Street from R-1 (low-density residential) district to B-1 (neighborhood business) district

No negative comments received.

Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor

January 3, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting
Ripley City Courtroom

Mayor Pavletic presiding

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

Aldermen absent: None

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Jackson, Chief Worlds, Chief Baltimore, Johnie Ford and Randy Danley

Visitors: Mickey Carihfield, Scott Nelson, Chris Cobb, Joe Bennett, Robert Garrison, Johnny Nelson, Gwen Blackman, Amanda Adkerson, Kenneth Stowe, and Dorisha Wright

Pastor Charles McKendry, Macedonia Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Pavletic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Baltimore introduces newly hired Patrolman Chris Cobb.

Alderman Davis reported on December 18th community experienced a gas line to rupture causing gas pressure to drop. Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater team led by Mickey Carihfield responded and worked diligently until issue was located and repaired. Board thanked the department for a job well done.

1. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to approve December 5, 2016 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
2. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Beard to approve December 2016 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Correspondence: none

Attorney Jackson gave update on W.G.L. Rice Trust. She attended the Lauderdale County Commission meeting in December. She, along with Commissioner Tyus and Mayor Gaines spoke to the commission regarding the Rice Trust. County Commission agreed to participate in any filing the city made to have trustees appointed to assist in insuring both Rice and Cleveland Street parks continue to prosper and thrive. Mayor Gaines stated he would be glad to work with Mayor Pavletic in appointing a committee to consider the names that we would want to advance to the court as potential trustees.

3. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Hankins to approve 2nd reading proposed ordinance to amend Sections 18-205(4)(e) and 18-205(5) of the Ripley Municipal Code pertaining to specific pollutant limitations permitted in the municipal sanitary sewer system and criteria to project wastewater treatment plant influent. All aye
4. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Chipman to approve 2nd reading proposed ordinance to amend the municipal zoning map of Ripley, Tennessee by rezoning Charles Cooper property located near 148 Watkins Street from R-1 (Low Density Residential) district to B-1 (Neighborhood Business) district. All aye including the mayor
5. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderwoman Treadway to approve mayor's recommendation to re-appoint Kenny Parham to Ripley Power & Light board for four (4) year term January 2017-December 2020. All aye
6. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderwoman Alston to accept base bid in the amount of \$382,994 from SDT Contractors, Inc. for the 2016 CDBG Imminent Threat project as recommended by Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater board and A2H with Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater to provide any additional funds required to complete project. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to approve Attorney Jackson's recommendation for prior appointed committee to hear Patrolman James Neal's request for disciplinary review.

Attorney Jackson stated review is scheduled for January 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Panel consist of Chief Tracey Worlds, Superintendent Johnie Ford and City Recorder Donna Buckner.

Alderman Beard ask why every time someone disagrees with something it becomes a disciplinary review.

Attorney Jackson stated that the personnel policy approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in 2015 provided for a grievance procedure and because historically the City has always offered that to someone who has a request for a review of disciplinary measure they have had. During the first term of her (Jackson) being city attorney (1990's) she remembers having a disciplinary review at the request of a police officer sitting in the room tonight. Thus, disciplinary reviews have been around a long time. It is unusual that we've had several request back to back recently.

Alderman Beard stated he knew they have been around. But why all of the sudden they are multiplying.

Attorney Jackson stated she couldn't answer that because she's not the one imposing the discipline nor the person requesting the review.

Vote: all aye

Department Reports:

Ripley Parks & Recreation: Alderman Chipman gave monthly report.

Ripley Public Works & Codes Departments: Alderwoman Treadway gave monthly report.

Ripley Police Department: Alderman Hankins gave monthly report.

Ripley Fire Department: Alderwoman Alston gave monthly report.

Ripley Housing Authority: Alderwoman Alston gave monthly report.

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

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

Mayor Pavletic gave state of the city update from 2016. City received over a million dollars in grant money; Imminent Threat grant \$307,000, Site Improve grant \$485,000, CDBG Community Livability grant \$315,000, Playground C3 grant \$3,000, and LPRF park grant \$75,000.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor