

August 7, 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 Tracey Worlds, Chief Donnell Baltimore, Randy Danley, Scott Nelson and Johnie Ford

Visitors: Dean Barlow, Mary Ella Barnes, Susan Worlds, Tim King, Jeff Jenkins, Dwayne Sims, Amanda Adkerson, Lee Johnston, Jacinta Frits, Sammy Grantland, Jay Heath and Peggy Haynie

Dewayne Sims, House of Peach Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Pavletic introduced Jacinta Frits and Takiano Simmons as the two (2) new student representatives.

Mayor Pavletic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Beard to approve July 3, 2017 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
2. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve July 19, 2017 minutes of MTAS Ripley Police Department study workshop as printed and delivered in agenda package.
3. Motion by Alderman Beard and second by Alderwoman Alston to approve July 2017 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Correspondence: none

Jeffery Jenkins request to address the board regarding Town Square Apartments.

Attorney Jackson stated the city had a licensed inspector come in immediately after the event. The owner and their insurance company had their own inspector come and do a structural report. There were parts of the building that appeared to be intact but there were also parts of the building that they were not able to get to. The structural report recommended not allowing anyone to go inside including the owner.

Mary Ella Barnes request to address the board regarding Parkview ditches.

Attorney Jackson stated the ditch behind Lockard Street is different from the ditch behind Moore Street. The ditch behind Moore is on city property that is being leased for cultivation. The city doesn't have the authority to go on and/or spend city funds on private property. She (attorney) and Johnie Ford went and looked at the issues and determined there may be two possibilities on the Moore side related to the city property that might be attempted to divert some of the water to the city side of the neighborhood. One would be a small reservoir to hold the water coming from the Rice Trust property and deposit it to the cultivated property which is between the neighborhood and the bypass. This would involve engineers that would determine the process. The city would need an easement from Rice Trust to utilize the property. A survey would also need to be done. The other possibility would be to extend the ditch from the upper portion across the city's existing ditch. That would require an easement from Rice Trust as well. There are several ditches in the neighborhood that are not being maintained by the property owners that would allow the water to drain properly. There are other neighborhoods in the city that have the same issues.

Alderman Chipman asked Scott Nelson to go with Johnie Ford to review the area and the possibilities the attorney mentioned.

Dextor Currin addressed the board stating all the ditches run into Lockard Street ditch. You can make a pond as mentioned by Mr. Ford but it's not going to stop all of the water. The city started all of this by digging the ditches. The city maintained the ditches up until about 10 years ago.

Johnie Ford stated cleaning out Lockard Street ditch would not slow the water down but only increase the flow because it's free of any obstacles. Build the retention pond before the Lockard Street ditch and come in behind Ms. Barnes house with a 10-15' levee and on the other side of the levee dig out a ditch.

Mary Ella Barnes addressed pot holes all over the city.

Johnie Ford stated we fill pot holes in and the material comes right out. Looking at different methods to address the problem.

4. Motion by Alderman Beard and second by Alderman Davis to approve advertisement for off-premises beer permit application for Michael A. Pike, Sr. d.b.a. Southside Beverage, 500 S. Washington Street, Ripley, TN 38063. All aye
5. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderwoman Treadway to approve advertisement for license to engage in the business of package retail sales of intoxicating liquors in Ripley, Tennessee – Michael A. Pike and Sarah D. Pike partnership d.b.a. Southside Beverage, 500 S. Washington Street, Ripley, TN 38063. All aye
6. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins approve grant contract between the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and City of Ripley for 2016 LPRF Ripley City Park in the amount of \$75,000.00. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to select TLM Associates, Inc. to provide professional architectural and engineering services regarding 2016 LPRF grant project Ripley City Park. All aye
8. Motion by Alderman Beard and second by Alderwoman Alston to approve contract between Community Development Partners, LLC and City of Ripley to provide administrative and project management assistance in the support of 2016 LPRF park grant. All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Chipman to approve contract between TLM Associates, Inc. and City of Ripley to provide professional engineering services regarding LPRF Planning Grant. All aye
10. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderwoman Alston to change September monthly meeting to Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. due to Labor Day holiday. All aye
11. Motion by Alderman Beard and second by Alderman Hankins to approve Mid-South Security Group, LLC for an addition to Ripley City Park surveillance system \$14,547.00. All aye
12. Motion Alderman Beard and Alderwoman Treadway to approve Ford Construction Company change order request #3 (final) for Kellar Avenue bridge project-balances the contract quantities of all items, and results in a net decrease to the contract of \$8,491.64 bringing the final contract amount to \$668,598.90 and adds 163 days to the contract as recommended by A2H. All aye
13. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Beard to approve Rose Construction change order #1 for Ripley Washington Street Improvements Phase 3 project with a net change of \$13,791.04 in the contract amount and an additional 13 days be added to the contract time as recommended by A2H contingent on approval by TDOT. Alderman Davis-nay, all others aye. Motion carried

14. Motion by Alderman Beard and second by Alderwoman Alston to approve Bank of Ripley merchant services conversion from 1st Data to Banc Card. All aye
15. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderwoman Treadway to consider MTAS recommendations regarding Ripley Police Department study with regard to the police manual, consider the chief be required to complete, with MTAS assistance, on the timeline suggested by MTAS. Target date of October 1st with update at September meeting. All aye including mayor
16. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Davis to schedule a drafting workshop for charter amendment giving mayor more administrative responsibility. All aye

Attorney Jackson gave update on Donald Bonds' disciplinary review status. She stated in July she sent Mr. Bonds' criminal attorney Jeffrey Jones information necessary to allow Mr. Bonds' to make statements and answer questions by the review panel during a disciplinary review. She heard back from Mr. Jones that Mr. Bonds' would be hiring an attorney to handle civil matters because the disciplinary review and the employment matters are not part of his criminal case. She (Jackson) was never contacted by the civil attorney. She (Jackson) gave Mr. Bonds' notice through Mr. Jones that we had never received any contact by a civil attorney nor received back the signed acknowledgement of warning and the waivers necessary to schedule a review. Subsequent to that, she (Jackson) received a call from Jasmine McMackins who is an attorney employed by Mr. Bonds to represent him with regards to the disciplinary review. Ms. McMackins was given two (2) weeks to get back in touch with the city as to their wishes regarding a disciplinary review. Because there are criminal charges pending he has to be provided a Reverse Garrity warning and he has to sign a waiver saying he understands that he is not being compelled by the employer to make statements or answer questions. He did not sign and send those documents back in order for the disciplinary review to move forward.

Alderman Beard asked what were the criminal charges.

Attorney Jackson stated she did not know. Per Ms. McMackins there is a jury trial set for September. His termination was not decided based upon the criminal charges.

Alderman Beard asked what were the charges used to dismiss him.

Attorney Jackson stated that Chief Baltimore made a determination based upon an internal investigation that he had engaged in misconduct on the job.

Alderman Beard ask how did the criminal charge come in.

Attorney Jackson stated that when criminal charges were filed he was suspended pending an investigation. She and Chief Baltimore consulted and he initiated an internal affairs investigation. The decision to terminate was based upon factual information received as a result of that internal affairs investigation.

Alderwoman Alston asked when did the chief find out about what was going on.

Attorney Jackson stated when the criminal charges were filed.

Alderman Beard asked what were the specific criminal charges.

Attorney Jackson stated again that she did not know the specific.

Alderman Beard asked who brought the charges.

Attorney Jackson stated the District Attorney.

Department Reports:

Ripley Parks & Recreation: Director Randy Danley gave monthly report.

Ripley Public Works & Codes Departments: Superintendent Ford gave monthly report.

Ripley Police Department: Chief Donnell Baltimore gave monthly report.

Ripley Fire Department: Chief Tracey Worlds gave monthly report.

Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater Department: Superintendent Scott Nelson gave monthly report.

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

Ripley Housing Authority: Alderwoman Alston gave monthly report.

Lee Johnston gave DEVCO update.

Susan Worlds announced Lauderdale County Fair August 31-September 2, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor