

September 5, 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, Johnie Ford, Randy Danley, Donnell Baltimore, Tracey Worlds and Scott Nelson

Visitors: Jacinta Fritz, Reverend Jerry D. Barlow, Jr., Susan Worlds, Ron Goforth, Sammy Grantland, Amanda Adkerson, Tatyane Simons, Mary Ella Barnes, Robert Garrison, Ricky Taylor, Jay Heath, Paula Lee Boger, Lee Johnston and David Reese

Senior Pastor David Reese, Chapel Hill Baptist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Pavletic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Beard to approve August 7, 2017 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
2. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderwoman Treadway to approve August 2017 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Edward Prater request to address the board – not present

Robert Goforth, Jr., request to address the board – not present

3. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Chipman to re-appoint Paula Boger to Ripley Housing Authority board 5-year term 9'2017 through 8'2022. All aye
4. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Davis to approve application for off-premises beer permit made by Michael A. Pike, Sr. d.b.a. Southside Beverage, 500 S. Washington Street, Ripley, TN 38063. All aye
5. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderwoman Treadway to approve application for certificate of compliance for retail liquor license d.b.a. Southside Beverage, 500 S. Washington Street, Ripley, TN, 38063. All aye
6. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderwoman Alston to approve Ford Construction Company change order #2 for Walker East Industrial Park Site Development Grant to decrease contract \$17,555.65. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve contract between State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and City of Ripley for project located at Volz Road from SR-209 to SR-3 \$527,000 total estimated project cost Surface Transportation Program 80% and 20% local. All aye
8. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to approve contract between University of Tennessee and City of Ripley for city to provide recreational facilities for students, faculty and staff of the UT Martin-Ripley Center. All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderwoman Alston to continue mosquito control and purchase Clarke Cougar ULV mosquito sprayer and one (1) 55 gallon drum of adult formulation for total cost of \$12,707.50 (single source provider). All aye

10. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Davis to approve Teletrac Navman Subscriber Agreement for Public Works Department. All aye

Alderman Davis request to address the board concerning aldermen's ability to question department heads. Alderman Davis referred to recommendation made by MTAS for the board, specifically, the aldermen's responsibility to challenge department monthly reports.

Attorney Jackson stated with or without MTAS' input the aldermen have the ability as the board who hires, disciplines and terminates department heads to ask them questions pertinent to information that is for board and/or public knowledge. Questioning a department head is part of an on-going evaluation of a department head and their performance. A department head should be familiar enough with their own information to answer questions when asked by either the board or anyone in a public context.

11. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderwoman Alston to approve purchase through US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance from Kompan, Inc. an Explorer Dome \$57,730.72 for Ripley City Park funded by LPRF grant. Alderman Chipman abstained, all others aye. Motion carried.

12. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve purchase through NJPA Purchasing from Play Power LT-Farmington, Inc. a swing and timbers without ground cover \$8,402.00 for Ripley City Park funded by LPRF grant. All aye

13. Motion by Alderwoman Alston and second by Alderman Hankins to approve construction contract between City of Ripley and Kompan, Inc. at contract price of \$13,164.62 to include oversight and installation of Explorer Dome playground equipment funded by LPRF grant. Alderman Chipman abstained, all other aye. Motion carried.

14. Motion by Alderman Beard and second by Alderman Chipman to approve agreement between City of Ripley and TLM Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for 2016 LPRF grant. All aye

Chief Baltimore gave update on Ripley Police Department Manual. He reported he's emailed a copy of the manual to his supervisors and they are working on policy, however, due to his upcoming administrative leadership training he requested an extension of the October 1 target date.

15. Motion by Alderman Davis to stay with target date of October 1 for Ripley Police Department Manual. No second, motion failed.

16. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Davis to move target date to November 1 and no later for Ripley Police Department Manual. Alderman Hankins voted nay, all other voted aye. Motion carried.

Drafting workshop set for September 27, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. for charter amendments.

Department Reports:

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

*Ripley Public Works & Codes Departments:* Superintendent Ford gave monthly report. Mr. Ford stated he is addressing Mrs. Barnes concern last month regarding potholes. He has assigned an employee to fill potholes throughout the city. He requested the board address the grass in the drainage, as well as, unsecured garbage bags being placed in garbage cans.

Alderman Treadway reported driveway issue at 118 Watkins Street.

Mr. Ford stated the water is coming off of private property located above 118 Watkins Street.

Attorney Jackson stated the issue needs to be an agenda item next month in order to have further discussion and possibly take action. In the meantime, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Ford and Mr. Morris

should look at the situation to determine if the City has any responsibility and/or liability in what is causing the washing of the driveway at 118 Watkins Street.

*Ripley Police Department:* Chief Donnell Baltimore gave monthly report.

*Ripley Fire Department:* Chief Tracey Worlds gave monthly report. He also reported demolition of Land's True Value building is set to begin September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Jackson gave update on Town Square Apartments. She stated the attorney for the owner has requested an opportunity to bring in an independent inspector to make a determination on behalf of the owner. The city's inspector has inspected the property and prepared a report. The insurance company has had an engineering inspection and prepared a structural report. A hearing was scheduled for last Friday but the owner wasn't sure that they were in agreement with the insurance company's engineer thus the hearing was delayed to give them the opportunity for their independent inspection. Reached out to the owner last night to get an idea of dates and time when hearing can be rescheduled. Still a safety issue at this point.

*Ripley Housing Authority:* Alderwoman Alston gave monthly report.

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

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

Alderman Hankins asked Alderman Beard to find out why Mr. Allmand rarely attends City board meetings and doesn't present the department reports as is required by all others.

Susan Worlds gave community events update.

Lee Johnston gave DEVCO update.

Mayor Pavletic stated Labor Day Parade was a success.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Donna Buckner, Recorder

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Jon Pavletic, Mayor