

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

Mayor Pavletic presiding

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

Aldermen absent: Beard

Also present: Donna Buckner, Johnie Ford, Randy Danley, Donnell Baltimore, Tracey Worlds and Scott Nelson

Visitors: Garrett Kelly, Chase Davenport, Amanda Adkerson, Jacinta Frits, Ron Goforth, Angela Taylor, Ricky Taylor, B. Ellis, Mary Ellis, and Jay Heath

Associate Minister Ricky Taylor, Community Church of God in Christ, opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Pavletic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Correspondence: Thank you from Judge Joe H. Walker on behalf of the International Fellows

3. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderwoman Alston to amend Public Records Policy. All aye
4. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to amend Employment Practices and Policies Provisions. All aye.
5. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Davis to approve grant contract between the State of Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security and Ripley Police Department. All aye

Chief Baltimore gave update on Ripley Police Department Manual. Manual is not complete as required by November 1st. Manual should be complete by mid-month.

Alderman Hankins stated manual was sent to Rex Barton, MTAS, for review. He stated he has a copy of revised manual from Mr. Barton and would email it to everyone for their review prior to December board meeting unless board want to vote tonight.

Alderman Chipman stated board needs to review before voting.

Chief Baltimore stated there were still a few changes that need to be made.

Alderman Davis asked why wasn't the manual completed and back to the board by November 1st as was the board's request at the October board meeting.

Chief Baltimore stated the manual went to MTAS on October 15th.

Donna Buckner stated MTAS received the manual on October 27th.

Alderman Davis asked again why the board didn't have the final manual by November 1st and why did MTAS receive the proposed revisions on October 27th knowing that final draft needed to be to the board by November 1st.

Chief Baltimore stated he was away at school.

Alderman Davis stated Chief Baltimore has been chief since May 2016 and has had all these months to go to school. Can't use that as an excuse.

Chief Baltimore stated he wasn't using that as an excuse.

Alderwoman Alston asked Chief Baltimore to get the final manual to the board for review.

Alderman Davis stated Chief Baltimore says he wasn't using going to school as an excuse but still hasn't given a reason why it wasn't ready by November 1st.

Chief Baltimore stated he was waiting for the manual to come back from MTAS.

Alderman Hankins stated delay was partly his fault. He thought it was as simple as making the desired changes and sending them to Rex for review and him sending it back but because we didn't send him the "marked up" version his review process was more time consuming.

Alderman Davis stated the original deadline was October 1 and the board extended it to November 1.

Alderman Hankins asked Alderman Davis what he wanted to do.

Alderman Davis stated he was disappointed in the failure to provide the board its request. He wants a copy in his hands as quickly as possible.

Alderman Hankins stated he could send Alderman Davis a copy via email. But it is his misunderstanding that this is a final version when now he's told there are still some technical changes that need to be made.

Alderman Davis stated there are deadlines and when those deadlines are not met there are penalties.

Alderman Hankins asked Alderman Davis what he wants the penalty to be.

Alderman Chipman asked how much longer before the manual is complete.

Chief Baltimore stated by mid-month. Not sure how long it will take.

6. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderwoman Treadway to deny Perilyn Cherry request to donate property located at Hamby Circle, Map 95-G-C-15.01 to the City of Ripley.
All aye

Chase Davenport, Save the Children, addressed the board.

Department Reports:

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

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

Ripley Power & Light Department: Alderman Beard 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 Housing Authority: Alderwoman Alston gave monthly report.

DEVCO Director Lee Johnston gave DEVCO update.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Jon Pavletic, Mayor