

June 3, 2024  
5:30 p.m.  
Public Hearing  
Ripley City Courtroom

Mayor Fitzhugh called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Fitzhugh, Alston, Chipman, Davis, Hankins and Thompson

Board members absent: Treadway

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Rachel Jackson, Superintendent Johnie Ford, Fire Chief Tracey Worlds and Police Chief Mitchell Turner

Visitors: Chris Eidman, Morey Hill and Kaye Jordan

1. An ordinance of the City of Ripley, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025

No comments

2. An ordinance of the City of Ripley, Tennessee amending Title 4 Municipal Personnel

No comments

3. An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of Ripley, Tennessee by rezoning property on Highway 19 East and Highland Street Extended (Silicon Ranch Corporation property and the City of Ripley property) from R-4 High Density Residential/Mobile Home District to M-1 Light Industrial District

Kaye Jordan asked how it will affect Highway 19 East residents.

Morey Hill (Silicon Ranch Corporation) stated very minimally. No increase of noise, lights or traffic after development.

Kaye Jordan asked what is its purpose.

Morey Hill stated it generates power for TVA. There is sufficient tax revenue generated for the City of Ripley by way of personal and real property taxes.

4. A resolution to annex certain territory and incorporate same within the corporate boundaries of the City of Ripley, Tennessee; an area known as approximately 337.3 acres to the south of Highway 19 East (Silicon Ranch Corporation property)

No comments

5. An ordinance to zone certain territory and incorporate the same within the corporate boundaries of the City of Ripley; an area known as approximately 337.3 acres to the south of Highway 19 East (Silicon Ranch Corporation property)

No comments

6. A resolution adopting a plan of service for area to be annexed into the City of Ripley, Tennessee; an area known as approximately 337.3 acres to the south of Highway 19 East (Silicon Ranch Corporation property)

No comments

Meeting adjourned 5:45 p.m.

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Donna Buckner, Recorder

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Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor

June 3, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Ripley City Courtroom

Mayor Fitzhugh called the meeting to order and requested Recorder Buckner to issue roll call.

Board members present: Fitzhugh, Alston, Chipman, Davis, Hankins and Thompson.

Board members absent: Treadway

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Rachel Jackson, Chief Mitchell Turner, Superintendent Johnie Ford, Chief Tracey Worlds, Director Randy Danley and Superintendent Scott Nelson

Visitors: Sergeant Herbert Gwynn, Morey Hill, Chris Eidman, Ron Goforth, Linda E. Love,

Kaye Jordan, Angie Allmand and Dorisha Wright

Invocation: Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Thompson to approve May 6, 2024 meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
2. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve May 14, 2024 special called meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
3. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Alston to approve May 2024 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.

Correspondence: none

Public comments: Linda E. Love spoke regarding Amber Shaw and insurance

Mayor's comments:

- TML Excellence in Innovation or Resiliency Award
- Dog park update

Department reports

Superintendent Scott Nelson gave lagoon update.

Chief Mitchell Turner gave update on 22 additional cameras throughout the city, as well as, a new mobile Skycop, juvenile curfew is being enforced and application of grant that will allow for even more Skycop cameras. Chief Turner announced a Police and Community Forum scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Ripley City Courtroom.

Director Randy Danley gave update on the success of the new Pickleball courts. He also stated we have 70 privately booked pool parties and attendance is going well at the pool.

4. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Davis to approve department reports as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
5. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Hankins to approve Alzheimer's Association Proclamation for Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month (June). All aye.
6. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading ordinance of the City of Ripley, Tennessee adopting the annual budget and tax rate (unchanged) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Roll call. All aye.

7. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Thompson to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading ordinance amending Title 4, Municipal Personnel Occupational Safety and Health Program. All aye.
8. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Thompson to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading ordinance to amend the official zoning map of Ripley, Tennessee by rezoning property on Highway 19 East and Highland Street Extended (Silicon Ranch Corporation property and City of Ripley property) from R-4 (High Density Residential/Mobile Home) District to M-1 (Light Industrial) District. All aye.
9. Motion Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Davis to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading resolution to annex certain territory and incorporate same within the corporate boundaries of the City of Ripley, Tennessee; an area known as approximately 337.3 acres to the south of Highway 19 East (Silicon Ranch Corporation property). All aye.
10. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Hankins to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading ordinance to zone certain territory and incorporate the same within the corporate boundaries of the City of Ripley, Tennessee; an area known as approximately 337.3 acres to the south of Highway 19 East (Silicon Ranch Corporation property). All aye.
11. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Hankins to approve reappointment of Barry Bates (5-year term) to the Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater Board as recommended by Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater Board (only applicant that met qualifications). All aye.
12. Ripley Power & Light fiscal year 2024-2025 budget as presented as approved by Ripley Power & Light Board. The Board of Mayor and Alderman take exception to salary provisions within the Ripley Power & Light fiscal year 2024-2025 budget. All aye.
13. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Davis to accept lowest bids received May 22, 2024 for hourly equipment rental, rock, sand, gravel, concrete and resurfacing with blacktop. Roll call. All aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Donna Buckner, Recorder

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Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor