

April 3, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Regular Monthly Meeting
Ripley City Courtroom

Mayor Fitzhugh sworn in newly hired police officer Candice Hardee.

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

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

Board members absent: none

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

Visitors: Susan Worlds, Ron Goforth, Ethel Jones, Linda Love, Randy McKennon, Angie Almond, J.C. Bonds and Mickey Hamlin

Invocation: Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Treadway to approve March 6, 2023 meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
2. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve March 2023 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Correspondence:

- Linda Griffin Crowder family thank you
- Steve Crain family

Mayor's comments:

- Streetlight Conversion Project - 50% complete
- Ford Capital Grant - Ripley Fire Department awarded \$50,000 grant for Fire Suppression Equipment
- TDEC Grant – City of Ripley \$1,770,145 Water Infrastructure Improvements
- SRF Loan Program – City of Ripley \$1,420,000 at 70% forgiveness - Water Infrastructure Improvements
- HTL Advantage update – Mark Herbison's resignation
- Home Style Easter Celebration set for April 8th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Ripley Court Square
- Thanked City of Ripley Police, Fire and Public Works and Ripley Power & Light for assisting Tipton County after the tornado on March 31st.

Department Reports

3. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve department reports as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
4. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to deny beer permit application of Ripley, Inc., 238 S. Washington Street, Ripley, TN 38063 due to false information reported on application. All aye
5. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Treadway to approve resolution authorizing the City of Ripley to join the State of Tennessee and other local governments in amending the Tennessee State-subdivision opioid abatement agreement and approving the related settlement agreements. Roll call. All aye

6. Motion by Alderman Treadway and second by Alderman Thompson to approve \$0.50 water usage rate increase and \$0.75 sewer rate increase across the board as recommended by TLM Associates and reviewed and approved by Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater Board. Roll call. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve consulting contract between Community Development Partners, LLC and the City of Ripley to render professional administrative consulting services pertaining to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation American Rescue Plan Act Funding (TDEC-ARPA). All aye
8. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve Access Data Network Solutions, Inc. quote to purchase and install court square security cameras (GSA contract) with the proposal of using ARPA funds. Roll call. All aye

2021 delinquent property taxes were filed April 1st in Chancery Court for collection

2023-2024 budget meetings scheduled for April 20th and April 27th at 9:00 a.m.

Susan Worlds reported she attended BlueOval meeting in Haywood County. Lauderdale County High School sophomores were the only students invited to attend BlueOval. These students will actually go to the BlueOval site the summer of their junior year to participate in training.

Attorney Jackson gave update on Ripley Power & Light request to amend the charter.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor