

December 4, 2023  
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: Alston, Chipman, Davis, Hankins, Thompson and Treadway

Board members absent: None

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

Visitors: Linda E. Love, Sargeant Herbert Gwynn, Ron Goforth, Ethel Jones, Mike Worlds and Angie Allmand

Invocation: Superintendent Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Correspondence: Thank you from Sue Toles expressing appreciation for being selected Ripley Christmas Parade Grand Marshall

Mayor's comments:

- Christmas Tree lighting was well attended
  - Christmas Parade had a huge turnout
  - Hope everyone has a chance to ride through Ripley Park to see the Christmas lighting display
  - Home Style Christmas has some additions this year - December 8, 9,10
  - Mayor complemented all departments for their work on the Christmas decorations and Christmas Parade
3. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to approve department reports as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.

Alderman Chipman wished everyone a Merry Christmas from the Park and Recreation staff.

Chief Worlds informed the Board that Chaplain Nolen has been deployed to Henderson County with the Federation of Firefighters due to a line of duty firefighter death.

No public comment request.

4. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Alston to approve purchase of 2023 F-150 4x4 Super Cab pickup (Lonnie Cobb Ford) GSA price \$43,278 – budgeted for Animal Control. Roll call – All aye
5. Motion by Alderman Davis and second by Alderman Alston to approve grant contract amendment between State of Tennessee and City of Ripley for TN Law Enforcement Training Academy. All aye.
6. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Chipman to approve Flock Safety 60-month contract locking in price per camera for contract term. All aye.
7. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to approve grant contract between the State of Tennessee Department of Health and City of Ripley – County Health Council Collaborative Action for Resilience and Equity (CARE) grant \$246,104 contingent on TN Dept. of Health approval of scope change. Roll call – All aye
8. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to approve SBA Communications Corporation proposal to build a new tower at the present site (Quality Cove) and approve lease extension of existing lease not to exceed November 2045 and include: 1) Increase base rent to \$1,000 per month at end of original lease date 3/20/2030; 2) CPI escalations; 3) Offer of 20% revenue share on the new tower; 4) \$50,000 signing bonus upon mutual execution of the lease renewal with the expansion. Roll call. All aye.
9. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Thompson to approve American Tower proposal to extend current lease with the First Amendment to Land Lease Agreement (Henry Street) with the final expiration date of October 31, 2051 and include: 1) One-time payment of \$3,500; 2) Rent and Escalation of \$916.67 per month commencing November 1, 2026 and beginning of each month renewal term; 3) Revenue sharing of \$150 per month for each sublease. Roll call. All aye.
10. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to table the Ripley Power and Light appointment considerations at this time for Ripley Power and Light Board. All aye.
11. Motion by Alderman Treadway and second by Alderman Chipman to reschedule January board meeting to January 2, 2024 due to New Years Day holiday. All aye.
12. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve amendment to the accountability agreement between TN Department ECD, City of Ripley and Faist Light Metals Tennessee to extend the end date for a period of one year and to amend the calculation of performance percentage due to COVID-19 pandemic. All aye.

Mayor announced Lauderdale Chamber/ECD Open House will be December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Alderman Alston stated on behalf of Ripley Fire Department a Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year.

Alderman Hankins stated Ripley Public Works is showing their wish for Christmas.

Mayor Fitzhugh stated we have some outstanding opportunities and outstanding employees; every single department does a good job at what they do. A lot of good things happening in this little town and appreciates it very much. I wish all of you a great holiday.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Donna Buckner, Recorder

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Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor