

August 5, 2024
5:00 p.m.
Ripley Power Board Meeting
Ripley City Courtroom

Mayor Fitzhugh called the meeting to order.

Mayor Fitzhugh commented that this is the first meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in their capacity of the Ripley Power Board per prior resolution of that board. The change in the power board will not affect the day-to-day operations of Ripley Power & Light. No one will lose their job or be terminated because of this. Employee wages, benefits or working conditions will not change in any way. As Ripley Power & Light is a part of the city, an integral part and necessary function of government, it is not for sale. The sole purpose of this board is to ensure the critical requirements of transparency and accuracy be maintained. Lawsuits are over both in local court and state court. The issues are resolved. The conflict of positions of the management and former power board and the city are now resolved and put to rest. The path ahead is clear to do what is best for the city and the rate payers and to be as accurate and transparent as possible. It does not have to be a permanent situation. When there are adequate safeguards in place and are shown to work, a different make up of the board can occur. In fact, the city has taken such a step before with Ripley Gas & Water. We have opportunities in this city we have never had before and a very fine power and light department with the ability to provide the best products and services available. I hope and trust that with a renewed emphasis on transparency and accuracy we face these opportunities in a positive and productive way.

Mayor Fitzhugh asked for roll call by Recorder Buckner.

Board members present: Fitzhugh, 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 Scott Nelson and Superintendent Mike Allmand

Visitors: Sergeant Herbert Gwynn, Mark Frost, Ron Goforth, Linda E. Love, Kami Wright, Kenneth Long, Mike Hutcherson, Phillip Jackson, Kenny Parham, Cindy Parham, Debby Jenkins, Angela Allmand, Jay Heath, Kaye Jordan, Terry Mills, Tyler Fraizer, Joyce Edwards, Larry and Teresa Trospen, Celest Henry and Ronald Barlow

June 13, 2024 meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.

1. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Treadway to approve Interconnection Agreement between SR Ripley II, LLC and Ripley Power and Light

Company. All aye.

2. Motion by Alderman Treadway and second by Alderman Hankins to rescind Public Purpose Agreement signed by Ripley Power and Light Board on June 13, 2024. All aye.
3. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Treadway to direct that the last five (5) years of Ripley Power and Light minutes and agendas be placed on the City of Ripley's website for transparency and accuracy and publish all future minutes and agendas on social media or website. All aye
4. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Treadway to direct that the Ripley Power and Light attorneys dismiss any pending litigation. All aye.

Mayor Fitzhugh recognized three (3) members of the former Ripley Power & Light Board and thanked them for their years of service and coming tonight. What we are doing here is to just move forward so there's not any questions on different things. He looks forward to working together with Mr. Allmand and the superb staff, linemen and all the other professional staff he has so that we can move forward with our town.

Public comments: Linda Love

Ms. Love asked that all (Industrial Board, Ripley Housing Authority Board, Ripley Gas & Water Board, Ripley Power & Light and all the other departments and boards) be put on the website so that taxpayers can see what is happening with their money.

Mayor Fitzhugh stated this is a meeting of Ripley Power & Light Board and it doesn't have the authority to do that for the other boards.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor

August 5, 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, Thompson and Treadway.

Board members absent: none

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

Visitors: Sergeant Herbert Gwynn, Mark Frost, Ron Goforth, Linda E. Love, Kami Wright, Kenneth Long, Mike Hutcherson, Phillip Jackson, Kenny Parham, Cindy Parham, Debby Jenkins, Angela Allmand, Jay Heath, Kaye Jordan, Terry Mills, Tyler Fraizer, Joyce Edwards, Larry and Teresa Trosper, Celest Henry and Ronald Barlow

Invocation: Mike Hutcherson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Thompson to approve July 1, 2024 meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
2. Motion by Alderman Treadway and second by Alderman Hankins to approve July 2024 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.

Correspondence: none

No public comments

Mayor's comments:

- TML Municipal Achievement Award-Innovation in Energy and Disaster Resiliency July 23, 2024

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 approve reappointment of Jon Pavletic (5-year term) to the Ripley Housing Authority Board. All aye.
5. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Davis to approve reappointment of Robby Tidwell and Judy Tyree (6-year term) to the Ripley Industrial Board. All aye.
6. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Hankins to approve agreement between the Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority and the City of Ripley Fire Department, subject to TML insurance approval. All aye.
7. Motion by Alderman Hankins and second by Alderman Chipman to approve First Choice Farm & Lawn quote to purchase 2024 Kubota 4WD 131 HP Cab Tractor and 2023 Bushhog 15' Flex Wing Cutter 540 PTO \$115,507.73 less \$50,000 trade-in equipment for total price of \$65,507.73 (Sourcewell pricing). Roll call. All aye.
8. Motion Alderman Treadway and second by Alderman Hankins to approve report on debt obligation for the City of Ripley to issue notes as an interfund loan from the gas fund to the sewer fund in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 as approved by TN Comptroller of the Treasury. Roll call. All aye.
9. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Alston to approve agreement between Aeneas Communications, LLC and the City of Ripley for service at Ripley Fire Department. Roll call. All aye.
10. Motion by Alderman Treadway and second by Alderman Thompson to approve grant contract between the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the City of Ripley for Lead Service Line Inventory Grant in the amount of \$187,000. Roll call. All aye.
11. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Hankins to move September 2024 Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting to Tuesday, September 3, 2024 in observance of Labor Day Holiday. All aye.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor