

April 7, 2025
5:30 p.m.
Ripley Power Board Meeting
Ripley City Courtroom

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

Board members present: Alston, Chipman, Frazier, Keeley, Long (5:40 p.m.), Thompson and Fitzhugh

Board members absent: none

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Rachel Jackson, Fire Chief Tracey Worlds, Police Chief Mitchell Turner, Sergeant Herbert Gwynn, Superintendent Mike Allmand, Superintendent Johnie Ford, Superintendent Scott Nelson and Park Director Mike Worlds

Visitors: Ron Goforth, Linda E. Love, JC Bonds, Amy Williams, Layne Williams, Marcus Keeley and Joyce Cotton

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Thompson to approve March 3, 2025 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Public comments: none

Mayor Fitzhugh extended appreciation to Ripley Power and Light employees and their hard work during the severe weather last week.

Mayor Fitzhugh stated he and the power board have received and reviewed all the items that have been previously requested from Ripley Power and Light and he thinks it's time to move forward to start the process of selecting a new power board. Anyone who is interested in serving on the new power board should contact City Hall. Anyone who has previously expressed interest or put in an application those applications are being held for review.

Superintendent Allmand thanked the mayor for his appreciation for the work crews at Ripley Power and Light.

2. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Alston to approve Tri-Party facilities and parallel operation agreement between Tennessee Valley Authority, Ripley Power and Light Company and SR Ripley II, LLC. Roll call. All aye
3. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Alston to approve retirement plan for employees of Ripley Power and Light Company effective July 1, 2024 contingent upon pension Attorney Frank Carney's review and approval. All aye

Mayor Fitzhugh adjourned meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor

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6:00 p.m.

Ripley Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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Invocation: Superintendent Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Frazier to approve March 3, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
2. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Thompson to approve March 2025 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Correspondence: none

Mayor Fitzhugh extended appreciation to Ripley Power and Light linemen and their hard work during the severe weather last week, as well as, the city's Police, Fire, Public Works, Gas & Water and Parks & Recreation.

Mayor Fitzhugh stated we are now in the position to reconstitute an independent power board. If anyone is interested, contact City Hall. If you have already expressed interest or put in an application, those names are still in. Good communication between the city and Mr. Allmand seems to have been established. All requested documents have been received and reviewed.

Department reports:

3. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Keeley to approve department reports as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Public comments: none

4. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Keeley to approve to trade confiscated firearms awarded to Ripley Police Department by Circuit Court of Lauderdale County with FFL dealer for secondary/backup weapons. Roll call. All aye
5. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Alston to approve State of Tennessee Department of General Services, Central Procurement Office – Contract #32110-32711 authorized user agreement Cello Partnership d.b.a. Verizon Wireless. Roll call. All aye
6. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Long to approve contract agreement between ATA CPA's + Advisors, PLLC and the City of Ripley to audit accounts July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$33,450. Roll call. All aye
8. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Thompson to approve resolution authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing general obligation capital outlay notes, series 2025 in the amount of, not to exceed, \$1,800,000 and providing for the payment of said notes. Roll call. All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Frazier to approve resolution expressing support for Ford Motor Company's BlueOval City project and recognize its significant economic impact to Tennessee. All aye
10. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Thompson to authorize Recorder to amend FY 2024-2025 budget line-to-line, fund-to-fund and account-to-account. Roll call. All aye

11. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve and award bid contract to SH Masonry of Jackson, TN LLC for Ripley City Park LPRF restroom improvements in the amount of \$138,000 as recommended by TLM Associates. Roll call. All aye
12. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve grant contract between the State of Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and the City of Ripley related to the TNECD Broadband Connected Community Facilities Program in the amount of \$1,864,492.93. Roll call. All aye

2023 delinquent property taxes filed April 1, 2025 with Chancery Court for collection

13. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to set budget meetings for April 15th and April 24th at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. All aye

Mayor Fitzhugh read letter from TDOT announcing the approval of \$13.6 million for improvements to SR 19 U.S. Highway 51 intersection, US Highway 51 North and Cleveland, US Highway 51 South and SR 19 East, US Highway 51 South and Volz Road, US Highway 51 North and Industrial Drive over the TDOT 10-year Plan.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor