

July 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 and Fitzhugh

Board members absent: Thompson

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Rachel Jackson, Fire Chief Tracey Worlds, Superintendent Scott Nelson, Segreant Herbert Gwynn and Superintendent Mike Allmand

Visitors: Ron Goforth and Marcus Keeley

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve June 2, 2025 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Public comments: none

Mayor Fitzhugh stated in our last meeting the motion was made to get back to the independent power board with Mr. Dwight Beard, Mr. Randy White and himself (Fitzhugh) as members. The motion failed to receive a second. That leaves this body to continue to serve as the power board going forward.

Alderman Alston asked if this board would be going on trips to learn new information and bring it back to our town like the old power board did. We are letting our town down with no power board period. These people were taking trips, winning awards and bringing things back to our city. So, we are going to let our city down that bad just because we don't want to have a board. We need to think about that. We are missing out on a lot by not putting that 5-member board back together.

Mayor Fitzhugh stated he didn't know what those trips have to do with that. He's been on a lot of those types of trips. They are fun but he's not so sure of what the consequence are.

Mayor Fitzhugh stated he and Mr. Allmand have had some good conversations. Mayor Fitzhugh intends to follow through with what he told Mr. Allmand no matter where we are and what we do in order to move us forward and put all of this behind us. We will do that but we will have to do it in this context. We have some grand things ahead of us. It's time to put what's in the past in the past and move forward.

Alderman Alston asked the Mayor if that means we're never going to have a power board because he (Fitzhugh) told her in May after the meeting that he was going to put Parham and

Eunice Jenkins on the board and that you had already talked to Mike and that's what you were going to do.

Mayor Fitzhugh stated that he said that was what he hoped to possibly do. He probably shouldn't have said that because he just couldn't do it when that board sued the city.

2. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Alston to approve TVA Commercial and Industrial Efficiency Advice and Incentive agreement amendment. All aye

Mayor Fitzhugh adjourned meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor

July 7, 2025
5:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
Ripley City Courtroom

- Ordinance of the City of Ripley, Tennessee amending Title 15 – Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Chapter 7 - Enforcement

Board members present: Alston, Chipman, Fraizer, Keeley, Long and Fitzhugh

Board members absent: Thompson

Also present: Donna Buckner, Attorney Rachel Jackson, Chief Tracey Worlds, Superintendent Johnie Ford, Segreant Herbert Gwynn and Superintendent Scott Nelson

Visitors: Ron Goforth and Marcus Keeley

No negative comments.

Meeting adjourned 5:35 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor

July 7, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Ripley Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Ripley City Courtroom

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

Board members present: Alston, Chipman, Fraizer, Keeley, Long, and Fitzhugh

Board members absent: Thompson

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

Visitors: Ron Goforth, Marcus Keeley, Ethel B. Jones and J.C. Bonds

Invocation: Superintendent Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Correspondence: Thank you card from the family of Patricia Crook

Mayor Fitzhugh stated friend, pastor and newspaper owner Mike Hutcherson passed away this week. Thoughts with Texas as they deal with the devastating flood.

Department reports:

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

No public comments

4. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Keeley to approve 2nd reading ordinance of the City of Ripley, Tennessee amending Title 15 – Motor Vehicles, Traffic and Parking, Chapter 7 - Enforcement. All aye
5. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Long to approve off-premises beer permit application for Dixit Pankajkumar Patel, d.b.a. Parth 5331 Inc., 1335 Hwy 51 N., Ripley, TN 38063. All aye
6. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Keeley to approve consulting agreement between Community Development Partners, LLC and City of Ripley for Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation State Revolving Fund Program (SRF). Roll call. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Keeley to approve architect and engineering agreement between City of Ripley and TLM Associates, Inc. for Ripley Connected Community YMCA Buildout. Roll call. Alderman Chipman – nay. All others - aye
8. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Frazier to approve grant contract between the State of Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration Strategic Technology Solutions and City of Ripley through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP). All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Long to approve purchase of new 420 backhoe equipped per quote from Thompson Machinery in the amount of \$140,469.31 – state contract – budgeted item. Roll call. All aye

Mayor Fitzhugh recognized Ms. Ethel B. Jones.

Ms. Jones requested no parking on the west side of the square during the Labor Day Parade.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor