

March 2, 2026

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, Keeley, Long and Fitzhugh

Board members absent: Frazier and Thompson

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

Visitors: Mary Ann Jarrett, Tommy R. Sanders, Ron Goforth, Larry and Teresa Troosper, Dwight Beard, Dr. Sonia Scott, Jay Heath, J.C. Bonds, Will Barlow and Marcus Keeley

Invocation: Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Long to approve February 2, 2026 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
2. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Keeley to approve February 2026 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.

Correspondence: none

Mayor's comments: Recognized February as Black History month. He gave update on sale of Faist building to CleanSpark Corporation. Reviewed proposed micro route from Ripley Delta Human Resources.

Public comments: none

3. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Keeley to approve February 2026 department reports. All aye.
4. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Keeley to approve off-premises beer permit application for MFW Inc., d.b.a. 731 Market, 285 S. Washington Street, Ripley, TN 38063. All aye.
5. Motion by Alderman Chipman to consider resolution to declare the ladder the official tool of the City of Ripley. Motion died for lack of second.

Mayor Fitzhugh introduced Dr. Sonia Scott as the new Director of U.T. Martin-Ripley Center

6. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Long to approve changing the RPL board meeting time back to 5:30 p.m. Motion withdrawn.

Mayor Fitzhugh announced, without objection, city meetings will start at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Allmand discussed TVA notice letter regarding proposals with respect to certain changes to the schedule of rates and charges, which is part of current power contract.

7. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Long to approve Border States quote of \$264,211.68 for purchase of Aclara TWACS Hardware automatic meter reader system paid over 3-year period. Roll call. All aye.
8. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Long to approve United Utility Supply Co-op, Inc. quote of \$65,690.00 for purchase of (1) 2500 KVA 3-phase transformer. Roll call. All aye.
9. Motion by Alderman Long and second by Alderman Keeley to approve TLM Associates and A2H statement of qualifications received for engineering services for the City of Ripley Delta Regional Authority (DRA) projects and to award TLM Associates as recommended by Ripley Gas, Water and Wastewater Board. Roll call. All aye.
10. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Keeley to approve TLM Associates agreement for engineering services for the City of Ripley DRA Lift Station Replacement (TLM job #J7345). Roll call. Alderman Chipman nay, all others aye. Motion passed.
11. Motion by Alderman Long and second by Alderman Alston to approve resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ripley, Tennessee authorizing the submission of an application(s) for FY 2026 State Community Development Block Grant Funds for purchase of fire truck. All aye.
12. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Keeley to approve Grinder Fabricators & Erectors, Inc. quote for waterslide renovations to demo, fabricate and install new structure base bid \$213,500 with alternate deduct \$18,155, alternate adds \$2,550 for a total of \$197,845 – emergency purchase due to work completion prior to pool season. Roll call. All aye.
13. 2024 delinquent city property taxes will be filed April 1, 2026 with Chancery Court for collection as required by state.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor