

May 4, 2026  
5:30 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, Frazier, Keeley, Long, Thompson (arrived 6:00 p.m.) and Fitzhugh

Board members absent: none

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 and Superintendent Scott Nelson

Visitors: Ron Goforth, Larry Trosper, Teresa Trosper, Jay Heath, Marus Keeley and Linda E. Love

Invocation: Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve April 6, 2026 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
2. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Alston to approve April 16, 2026 budget meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
3. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Chipman to approve April 24, 2026 budget meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
4. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Keeley to approve April 2026 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.

Correspondence: Thank you card from Mike Allmand and family of the late Angela Allmand

Mayor's comments: 1) Spring community cleanup scheduled for May 9, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with cookout to follow at the Ripley City Park. 2) Parks and Recreation survey available on Parks & Rec and city's websites.

Public comments: none

Alderman Frazier requested for the board to receive monthly P/L financial statements from utility departments.

5. Motion by Alderman Keeley and second by Alderman Frazier to approve April 2026 department reports. All aye.
6. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve LPC Interconnection, Metering and Parallel Operation Agreement for Renewable Generation Systems between the Ripley Power and Light and City of Ripley metered at 156 S. Washington Street. All aye.
7. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Keeley to approve TVA Dispersed Power Program (DDP) contract for selling back excess power from the micro grid to the utility. All aye.
8. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve Ripley Power and Light write offs for accounts receivable from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. All aye.

Attorney Mark Mamantov joined meeting via telephone and updated the board regarding transaction between the City of Ripley and CleanSpark.

9. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to authorize Mr. Mamantov to develop a terms sheet which would be the city's counter proposal to CleanSpark and begin negotiating commitments from CleanSpark in an effort to protect city interests. All aye.
10. Motion by Alderman Keeley and second by Alderman Chipman to approve resolution of the City of Ripley, Tennessee authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing general obligation capital outlay notes, Series 2026, in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and providing for the payment of said notes. Roll call. All aye.
11. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Thompson to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading proposed ordinance to approve court costs beginning July 1, 2026, all cases heard by judge \$125.00, all forfeited cases \$100.00. Roll call. All aye.
12. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Chipman to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading FY 2026-2027 budget and tax rate including \$2.50 monthly refuse increase for residential and commercial carts and dumpsters. Fifteen-dollar charge for each additional residential cart. Roll call. All aye.
13. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Keeley to approve grant contract between the State of Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance and the City of Ripley provided through the Rescue Squads Grant Program in the amount of \$35,615.00. Roll call. All aye.
14. Motion by Alderman Keeley and second by Alderman Alston to approve Ripley Gas, Water and Wastewater budget FY 2026-2027 presented as approved by Ripley Gas, Water and Wastewater board. All aye.
15. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Thompson to approve Ripley Gas, Water and Wastewater proposed 3% increase on usage revenue for FY 2026-2027 as

recommended by Ripley Gas, Water and Wastewater board. Roll call. All aye.

16. Motion to by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Thompson to extend Ripley Power and Light Superintendent Allmand's existing 3-year employment agreement by an additional two (2) years with new expiration date of April 25, 2029. Roll call. Aldermen Alston and Thompson – yay; Aldermen Chipman, Frazier, Keeley and Mayor Fitzhugh – nay. Motion failed.

Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.

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Donna Buckner, Recorder

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Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor