

August 3, 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 and Fitzhugh

Board members absent: none

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

Visitors: Ron Goforth, Zina B. Stuckey, James Bonds, Brenda and Dan Douglas, Kaye Jordan, David Cove, Diana Beard, Dawn Johnston, Camryn Anderson, Olivia McCorkle, Katherine Ashe, Michael Ashe, Melissa Wadsworth, Jackson Wadsworth, Cindy Anderson, Earl Anderson, Elisabeth Pugh Lague, Kelvin Lyles, Larry Trosper, Beverly Harris, Jay Heath, Reese Gaines, Jenny Gaines, Joyce Cotton, Tommy R. Sanders, Memory Gaines, Maurice Gaines, Zandra Carter, Kamisha Dixon, Dorisha Wright, Ian Culver, Dwight Beard, Quentin Reed, Martha L. Morgan, Robert Harris, Carol Pharm, Lemond Barnes, Marlen Holloway and Gloria Webster

Invocation: Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve July 6, 2026 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
2. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Thompson to approve July 2026 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.

Correspondence: none

Mayor's comments:

- Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings are conducted following Robert's Rule of Order for Parliamentary Procedure, ordinances and resolutions, state law and the Sunshine Law
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:

- Katherine Ashe - 114 Willow Creek Drive – sink hole in yard
 - Nyrita Alston – taxes, attorney fees, community center
4. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Long to approve on-premises beer permit application for Orlando Leon d.b.a. Rolo's Mexican Kitchen and Cantina. All aye
 5. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Thompson to reappoint Dr. Joe Hunt to Ripley Housing Authority Board, 5-year term, September 2026-August 2031, as recommended by Ripley Housing Authority Board. All aye
 6. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Alston to approve Ripley Power and Light Company June financial report. All aye
 7. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Thompson to approve Ripley Power and Light Company East Industrial Park substation construction contract bids and to award contract to David H. Elliot Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$5,862,895.40 as recommended by Fisher & Arnold, Inc. for Silicon Ranch project. Roll call. All aye
 8. Motion by Alderman Keeley and second by Alderman Alston to approve Ripley Power and Light Company East Industrial Park substation upgrade grading and site preparation contract bid and to award contract to SDT Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$412,598.10 as recommended by Fisher & Arnold, Inc. for Silicon Ranch project. Roll call. All aye
 9. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Frazier to approve professional services agreement between Ensaf, Inc. and the City of Ripley for performing subsurface Phase II investigation activities in support of Brownfield Redevelopment Area Grant (BRAG) efforts at the Ripley Power and Light building, 164 Viar Avenue in the amount of \$78,500. Roll call. All aye
 10. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve resolution enacting a one-year moratorium on the permitting, zoning, construction or development of data centers in the City of Ripley as recommended by Ripley Planning Commission. Roll call: Aldermen Chipman, Frazier, Keeley and Mayor Fitzhugh-aye, Aldermen Alston, Long and Thompson-nay. Motion carried.
 11. Motion by Alderman Keeley and second by Alderman Frazier to approve agreement amendment between the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and the City of Ripley Amendment #4, Agreement #200127 PIN 130271.00 extending expiration date of October 30, 2027. All aye
 12. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Chipman to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Nolen Mooney, Delinquent Property Tax Attorney, Lauderdale County Government and the City of Ripley regarding delinquent property tax. All aye
 13. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Keeley to approve UTM-Ripley Connected Community Nursing project general construction contract change order #1 and

change order #2, due to construction change directives resulting in no adjustments to contract sum. All aye

14. Motion by Alderman Keeley and second by Alderman Frazier to change September monthly board meeting to Tuesday, September 8th due to Labor Day holiday. All aye

15. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Thompson to change monthly board meeting time to 6:00 p.m. All aye

Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor