

September 8, 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, 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, Chief Mitchell Turner and Sergeant Herbert Gwynn

Visitors: Bill Davis, Terry Mills, Eunice Jenkins, Debby Jenkins, Ian Culver, Ron Goforth, Sara Smith, Marlon Holloway, Cindy Parham, Chris Mooney, Margaret Shoemake, Linda Love, Darlene Newton, Mary Washington, David Cove, LaKenie Jones, Gloria Webster, Benita Harris, Morgan Wakefield, Tanner Wakefield, James Bonds, Larry Trosper, Teresa Trosper, Diana Beard, Anita Barnes, Rodney Barnes, Dorisha Wright, Cameryn Anderson, Memory Gaines, Zandra Mann, Maurice Gaines, Joyce Cotton, Jay Heath, Ashley Burham, Marcus Keeley and Bettie Dowell

Invocation: Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve August 3, 2026 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.
2. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Long to approve August 2026 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye.

Correspondence: Tennessee Comptroller FY 2027 budget approval

Mayor's comments:

- Ripley Behavior Health Hospital
 - LHS Alumni – Tina Turner Circle
 - Labor Day festivities
 - K-Cups Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting
3. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Thompson to approve department reports as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Public comments: Marcus Keeley thanked the city and all involved with the Labor Day festivities.

4. Motion by Alderman Keeley and second by Alderman Alston to approve 25th Judicial District Drug Task Force Joint Cooperation and Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Ripley and Ripley Police Department. All aye
5. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Long to approve UTM-Ripley Connected Community Nursing project general construction contract change order #3 to add \$99,350.72 remaining grant funds to contract for AT & T work and additional paving and awning color change. Roll call. All aye
6. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Thompson to approve Memorandum of Understanding Emergency Evacuation, Reunification and Temporary Shelter Facility between Lauderdale County School District and the City of Ripley. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve Ripley Power and Light July 2027 financial statement. All aye
8. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Alston to approve Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) rate change 30-day notice. All aye
9. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Frazier to approve rate change amendment between the Mayor and Aldermen of Ripley, Tennessee (distributor), a Tennessee municipal corporation and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). All aye
10. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Long to approve Ripley Power and Light East Industrial Park Substation upgrade relay and control house for Silicon Ranch, and to be paid by Silicon Ranch, award bid to Birmingham Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$711,485 as recommended by Fisher & Arnold, Inc. Roll call. All aye

Mayor Fitzhugh announced the completion of Ripley Housing Authority Chapel Circle and Crescent Drive remodel project.

Meeting adjourned 6:35 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor