

May 5, 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 and Superintendent Mike Allmand

Visitors: Linda E. Love, Owen Thurmond and Jemica Chalk

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve April 7, 2025 minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Public comments: none

Mayor Fitzhugh stated the official notice for a new power board has been released to the newspaper and anyone who is interested should submit their intent to City Hall by May 14, 2025 with a July 1, 2025 start date.

Superintendent Allmand stated the pension plan has been reviewed by Attorney Frank Carney and only a few minor changes were made. Tri-Party agreement (Silicon Ranch, TVA and Ripley Power & Light) that was passed and signed was found to have a few little mistakes but have now been corrected in that Ripley Power & Light will not deed over any land.

Attorney Jackson asked who was reviewing contract on the behalf of Ripley Power & Light?

Superintendent Allmand stated Fisher & Arnold Consultants.

Superintendent Allmand stated Ripley Power & Light has taken bids for two (2) transformers for Komatsu.

2. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Long to deliver Tri-Party Agreement once changes have been made. All aye
3. Motion by Alderman Long and second by Alderman Frazier to approve power

transformer bid from Buchanan to purchase two (2) transformers cost each \$66,867. All aye

4. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Long to approve Ripley Power & Light budget for FY 2025-2026. Roll call. All aye

Mayor Fitzhugh adjourned meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor

May 5, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Ripley Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Ripley City Courtroom

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

Board members absent: none

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

Visitors: Linda E. Love, Jemica Chalk, Owen Thurmond, Jay Heath, Layne Williams and Marcus Keeley

Invocation: Superintendent Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Keeley to approve April 7, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

2. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Thompson to approve April 15, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen budget meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
3. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Thompson to approve April 29, 2025 Board of Mayor and Aldermen budget meeting minutes as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye
4. Motion by Alderman Keeley and second by Alderman Chipman to approve April 2025 financial statement as printed and delivered in agenda package. All aye

Correspondence: Thank you card from the family of Mary Ella Barnes

Mayor Fitzhugh stated we are moving forward with a new board for Ripley Power & Light. Expects to present a slate of interested candidates at the June meeting with an effective date of July 1, 2025 if candidates are approved.

Department reports:

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

Public comments: none

6. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Chipman to approve memorial resolution for Mr. Billy Poston. All aye
7. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazer to approve 1st reading ordinance for FY 2025-2026 budget and tax rate \$2.60 including \$4.50 monthly refuse increase. Roll call. All aye
8. Motion by Alderman Thompson and second by Alderman Frazier to approve resolution amending Personnel Rules and Regulations Section IV-Benefits to modify annual leave provisions. All aye

Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury report on debt obligation for \$1,800,000 debt issue presented.

9. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to accept bids from SDT Contractors for hourly equipment, sand, rock, gravel and to Ford Construction for hot mix. Roll call. All aye
10. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Keeley to approve Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater 3% rate increase for water and sewer as recommended and approved by Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater board. Roll call. All aye

Ripley Gas, Water & Wastewater FY 2025-2026 budget presented.

Ripley Power & Light FY 2025-2026 budget presented.

11. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve recommendation of TLM Associates that the bid contract for the Ripley City Park LPRF city park improvements be awarded to ABES Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$387,480 contingent upon review by the LPRF program. Roll call. All aye

Meeting adjourned 6:35 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor