

April 6, 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 (arrived 5:45 p.m.), and Fitzhugh

Board members absent: Long 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 and Superintendent Scott Nelson

Visitors: Ron Goforth, Jay Heath, Marshall Hendren, Dwight Beard and Tommy Sanders

Invocation: Scott Nelson

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Correspondence: none

Mayor's comments: none

Public comments: none

3. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve March 2026 department reports. All aye.
4. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Alston to approve Fisher Arnold proposal (contract) for consulting work to upgrade Tupperware substation to meet Alu Materials America requirements. Roll call. All aye.
5. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Frazier to approve American Public Power Association Safety Recognition Award received by Ripley Power & Light after safety audit of 2025. All aye.
6. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Alston to approve annual insurance

audit issued by Tennessee Valley Public Power Association Distribution Insurance Company for Ripley Power & Light. All aye.

7. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve statement of qualifications received for BRAG project environmental site assessment 164 Viar Avenue and to award Ensafe, Inc. based on evaluation of qualifications. All aye.
8. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Keeley to approve purchase of 2012 bucket truck from Ripley Power & Light in the amount of \$25,000 for Public Works Department. Roll call. All aye.
9. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve on-premises beer permit application Benjamin Elkins, Marshall Hendren d.b.a. The Back Tee, 118 Walmart Drive, Suite B, Ripley, Tennessee 38063. All aye.
10. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Frazier to approve TLETA Contract #77734-44 amendment #3 to update the state's contract information in grant contract Section C-5 Invoice requirements and Section D-8 Communications. All aye.
11. Motion by Alderman Frazier and second by Alderman Keeley to approve contract agreement between ATA and the City of Ripley to audit accounts July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$30,100. Roll call. All aye.
12. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Frazier to approve TCRS Employer Contribution rate of 8.42% effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Roll call. All aye.
13. Motion by Alderman Chipman and second by Alderman Alston to approve resolution expressing official intent that certain expenditures to be incurred in connection with certain Public Works projects for the city and related expenditures be reimbursed from proceeds of notes, bonds or other indebtedness to be issued by the City of Ripley, Tennessee. All aye.

Alderman Alston addressed the board regarding the need of a community center.

14. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Chipman to approve recorder to amend FY 2025-2026 budget line-to-line, fund-to-fund and account-to-account. All aye.

2024 delinquent property taxes have been filed with Chancery Court.

15. Motion by Alderman Alston and second by Alderman Keeley to schedule budget meetings for April 16th and April 24th at 10:00 a.m. All aye.

Alderman Frazier requested future discussion regarding the upkeep of Rotary Park.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 p.m.

Donna Buckner, Recorder

Craig Fitzhugh, Mayor