

## Chickasaw City Council

### **State of Alabama** **Mobile, County**

The Chickasaw City Council met in a Budget Workshop in lieu of a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at the City of Chickasaw School Board at 207 N. Craft Highway, Chickasaw, Alabama. Present were Mayor Barry Broadhead; Councilmembers: Jim Trout, J R Rawls, Ken Sterrett, Jennifer White. Attorney Nash Campbell and City Clerk Michelle Ross Councilmember Hanson was absent

The budget packet included the proposed 2023-2024 budget for the City of Chickasaw, the 2023-2024 Budget for the Utility Board of Chickasaw, the 2022-2023 approved Budget, Financial Statement from September 2022 to June 2023 & Misc Expenses for the Fire Department & Police Department

The proposed Budget has approx. a \$600,000.00 deficit. The number of employees has decreased, City Hall had 5, now 3. Maintenance is down as well as the court.

Sales and Rental Tax Revenue is lower due to Simplified Sellers Use Tax is now separated.

Will enact the Dog Ordinance for licensing starting January 2024

Save \$30,000 by using the City of Chickasaw Gas pump. Pump may need some modifications for this use.

City Vehicles as stated in the Employee handbook are not for personal use.

Pool – Hydrostatic pressure and may need maintenance over the next few years due to age.

Cannot pass a budget in a deficit. The real issue is that we cannot operate a City in 2023 on 1973 dollars. We are operating a city on 5 Mills, which is the same millage as smaller cities that do not offer the same services we offer and have a smaller population.

Need to pass a referendum for more millage. Crisis point. Must put more pay into Public Safety. Other cities have made this change, and the City of Chickasaw needs to make this change. Citizens will decide what kind of city they want.

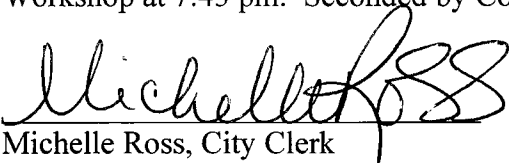
Prichard Water Situation – old infrastructure.

Mutual Aid Agreement with Saraland (make a formal agreement)

The City of Chickasaw has been awarded over \$7,000,000 in grants in 2023.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, Councilmember White moved to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 7:43 pm. Seconded by Councilmember Trout. Motion carried, and so ordered.

  
Michelle Ross, City Clerk