

## Chickasaw City Council

# **State of Alabama Mobile, County**

The Chickasaw City Council met in a regular, rescheduled session on December 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Tyran Colvin, Councilmember Ken Sterrett, Kathy Couey, Jennifer White, Jim Trout, and Jim Hanson. City Attorney Nash Campbell and City Clerk Michelle Ross were present. Bob Ham gave the invocation.

### **WORK SESSION –**

- Second Reading of Ordinance 25-73: Mature Business. The mayor would like to see action taken.
- SSUT: Eddie Curr, with Mobile County, to discuss the SSUT Tax. Recommendation made to support the county concerning the SSUT Litigation.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - Councilmember Trout moved to approve the agenda for the regular, rescheduled meeting on December 10, 2025. Councilmember Sterrett seconded the motion. The motion for final adoption was passed by the following voice votes: AYE – Sterrett, Couey, Colvin, White, Trout, and Hanson. NAY- None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Councilmember White moved to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled meeting on November 25, 2025. Councilmember Hanson seconded the motion. The motion for final adoption was passed by the following voice votes: AYE – Couey, Colvin, White, and Hanson. NAY- None Councilmembers Sterrett and Trout abstained due to being absent.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

- Franchise Engagement with Local Gov Services – for approval at the December 16, 2025, meeting. Local Gov to negotiate and help the city with Franchise Fees. Cap of \$20,000 on fees.
- Community Service – The City of Chickasaw will move forward with Community Service. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been provided by Judge Harred that the City of Mobile uses. No action needed by the council; it would be a policy to be adopted by the Police Department/Court. Maintenance personnel to supervise.

### **RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES**

Councilmember Sterrett moved to approve the Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 25-73. Seconded by Councilmember White. The motion for final adoption passed by the following voice votes: Yay- Sterrett, Colvin, White. Nay: Couey, Trout, Hanson - Ordinance fails.

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Councilmember Hanson moved to approve Resolution No. 25-75 – Authorizing submission of an FY26 Community Development Block Grant to the Mobile County Commission for \$200,000. Seconded by Councilmember Trout. The motion for final adoption was passed by the following voice votes: AYE – Sterrett, Couey, Colvin, White, Trout, Hanson.

### **RESOLUTION NO: 25-75**

*AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF AN FY26 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TO  
THE MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION*

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**WHEREAS**, the Mobile County Commission is accepting grant applications for the FY26 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chickasaw has identified a need to demolish abandoned residential homes throughout the City for spot blight clearance; and

**WHEREAS**, the total project cost estimate is \$200,000;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE City of Chickasaw, that by this Resolution, the City authorizes submission of an application to the Mobile County Commission requesting an FY26 CDBG grant in the amount of \$200,000 for demolition; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the grant application documents on behalf of the City.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2026.

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Councilmember Trout moved to approve Resolution No. 25-76 – Authorizing disability and cancer coverage for firefighters. Council member White seconded the motion. The motion for final adoption was passed by the following voice votes: AYE – Sterrett, Couey, Colvin, White, Trout, Hanson.

## RESOLUTION NO: 25-76

### *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISABILITY AND CANCER COVERAGE FOR FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CHICKASAW FIRE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO ACT 2019-361 (CODE OF ALABAMA §36-30-50 et seq.) AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ALABAMA FIRST RESPONDERS BENEFIT PROGRAM*

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Legislature enacted Act 2019-361, codified at §36-30-50 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, requiring municipalities to make supplemental disability, occupational cancer, and related benefits available to eligible firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chickasaw Fire Department employs and supports firefighters who serve the citizens of the City of Chickasaw with dedication, professionalism, and a commitment to public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alabama has established the **Alabama First Responders Benefit Program** to administer and provide the mandated disability and cancer benefits required under Act 2019-361; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City of Chickasaw to participate in the Alabama First Responders Benefit Program to ensure that all eligible firefighters of the Chickasaw Fire Department receive the protection and coverage mandated by state law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to formally acknowledge this requirement and authorize participation in the Alabama First Responders Benefit Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICKASAW, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

- The City of Chickasaw hereby authorizes participation in the Alabama First Responders Benefit Program to provide the disability, cancer, and related benefits required under Act 2019-361 (§36-30-50 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975) for all eligible firefighters of the Chickasaw Fire Department.
- The Mayor is authorized to execute all documents, agreements, or other materials necessary to enroll and maintain the City's participation in the Alabama First Responders Benefit Program.

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- The City Clerk, Finance Department, and Fire Chief are directed to take any administrative steps needed to ensure full compliance with state law and proper implementation of the required coverage.
- This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December, 2025.

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Councilmember Trout to approve Resolution No. 25-77 – Accepting a \$50,000 grant from Mobile County for windows in the Civic Center. Seconded by Councilmember Couey. The motion for final adoption was passed by the following voice votes: AYE – Sterrett, Couey, Colvin, White, Trout, Hanson.

### RESOLUTION NO: 25-77

#### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING *THE CITY OF CHICKASAW TO PROTECT THE CITY'S INTERESTS BY INTERVENING AS A DEFENDANT IN THE SIMPLIFIED SELLER USE TAX (SSUT) LITIGATION*

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Simplified Seller Use Tax (SSUT) Remittance Act, codified at Section 40-23-191 *et seq.*, Code of Alabama 1975, established a process by which the State of Alabama collects use taxes from eligible sellers on behalf of Alabama consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2025, the City of Tuscaloosa, the School District of the City of Tuscaloosa, and the City of Mountain Brook filed a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama against Vernon Barnett, in his official capacity as Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Revenue, asking the Court to direct Commissioner Barnett to disqualify particular business entities from the SSUT program; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 2025, the Court imposed a 30-day deadline for any other interested parties to file motions to intervene in this litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the SSUT program has been an essential source of revenue for the City of Chickasaw, and the plaintiffs' lawsuit, if successful, would jeopardize the City's ability to maintain the current level of governmental services it provides to the public.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** City of Chickasaw Council that the City is directed to take all necessary actions, whether by itself or as part of a joint undertaking, to intervene as a defendant in the SSUT litigation and to protect the City's interests in this critical revenue.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the City Council of the City of Chickasaw has caused this resolution to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Chair, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.

### REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

*Police Department*: Given by Chief Parker – Data not provided due to system issues

*Fire Department*: Given by Chief Lucky - Total Calls 113; 92 EMS, 4 Fire, 0 Hazmat, 17 Misc.

*Animal Control Officer*: Total Calls N/A; 3 Animals picked up

*Building Inspector Report*: 35 Total Permits: 9 Building, 9 Electrical, 8 Plumbing, 9 Mechanical, 0 Utility

*Environmental Report*: 3 citations; 30 new cases; 40 closed cases

*Attorney's Report*: Sewer & Solid Waste Ordinance has been removed due to a recent AG opinion, so it is under further review.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT** - *Accounts Payable \$143,295.79* - Councilmember White moved to put the accounts payable in line for payment, seconded by Councilmember Hanson. Motion carried and so ordered. The motion for final adoption was passed by the following voice votes: AYE – Sterrett, Couey, Colvin, White, Trout, and Hanson. NAY- None. Councilmember Couey asked that the Prichard Water Bill for the Civic Center be checked, as it appears high and may indicate a water leak.

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 23, 2025, Council Meeting Rescheduled to December 16, 2025, due to holidays.
- County Administrator Eddie Kerr failed to attend. Matthew Jones from the Mobile County Commission spoke on the Simplified Sellers Use Tax Litigation – Tuscaloosa wants to change the flat tax rate to a tax based on each municipality's tax structure, which would complicate it to the point of being unconstitutional. Attorney Nash Campbell advised that the resolution needs to be signed and submitted by 12/10/2025. The Council would need to give Mayor Colvin permission to sign the Resolution. We would need to adopt a Resolution to be a defendant in the Simplified Sellers Use Tax Litigation.

### PUBLIC COMMENT –

- Ellen Carter – 57 Eleventh Avenue: Animal Enforcement
- Jeff Light – Pine Cove Apartments: blight
- Phil King – 102 Thompson: Garbage & Sewer responsibility

**ADJOURNMENT**—With no further business, Councilmember Trout moved to adjourn the regular rescheduled council meeting at 6:59 p.m., seconded by Councilmember Couey. The motion carried, and so it was ordered.

ATTEST:

Tyran Colvin  
Tyran Colvin, Mayor

Michelle Ross  
Michelle Ross, City Clerk