City of Chipley
Special Council Meeting
Final Millage
& Budget Hearing
Minutes
September 25, 2026 at 5:05 p.m.

Attendees:
Ms. Tracy Andrews, Mayor
Mr. Kevin Russell, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mrs. Linda Cain, Council Member
Mr. Leonard Blount, Council Member

Present Via ZOOM:
Ms. Cheryl McCall, Council Member
Mrs. Michelle Jordan, City Attorney

Others Present Were:
Mrs. Patrice Tanner, City Administrator
Ms. Sherry Snell, City Clerk
Mr. Michael Richter, Police Chief

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Andrews at 5:05 p.m.

B. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Prayer was given by Council Member Cain and Mayor Andrews led the pledge to the American Flag.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Russell and seconded by Council Member Blount to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Resolution No. 26-59 –** Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Millage Rate. Mrs. Tanner read Resolution No. 26-59 by title:

   A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

   The following was also read:

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The gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Washington County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the City of Chipley as $226,924,221.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Chipley of Washington County, Florida, that:

The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 final operating millage rate is 7.0000 mills which is more than the rolled-back rate of 6.6588 mills by 5.12%.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

A motion was made by Council Member Russell and seconded by Council Member Cain to approve Resolution No. 26-59. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution No. 26-60** –Adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Mrs. Tanner read Resolution No. 25-51 by title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following was also read:

The City of Chipley of Washington County, Florida set forth appropriations and revenue estimates for the budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in the amount of $16,088,454.

The City Council's intent to adopt a final millage and budget at a final public hearing and the required budget summary was property published on September 23, 2026.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Chipley of Washington County, Florida, that:

The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Final Budget be adopted.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

A motion was made by Council Member Russell and seconded by Council Member Blount to approve Resolution No. 26-60. The motion passed unanimously.

E. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Andrews at 5:10 p.m.

Attest: Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor

Sherry Snell,
City Clerk