

City of Chipley
Special Council Meeting
Final Millage
& Budget Hearing
Minutes
September 29, 2025 at 5:05 p.m.

Attendees:

Ms. Tracy Andrews, Mayor
Mrs. Linda Cain, Council Member

Mr. Kevin Russell, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mr. Leonard Blount, Council Member

Absent:

Ms. Cheryl McCall, Council Member

Others Present Were:

Mrs. Patrice Tanner, City Administrator
Mr. Guy Lane, Asst. City Admin./Public Works Dir.
Mr. Michael Richter, Police Chief

Ms. Sherry Snell, City Clerk
Mrs. Jamie Richter, Finance Director
Mrs. Michelle Jordan, City Attorney

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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 Blount 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. 25-50** – Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Millage Rate. Mrs. Tanner read Resolution No. 25-50 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 2025-2026;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The following was also read:

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 \$212,228,725.

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

The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 final operating millage rate is 7.0000 mills which is more than the rolled-back rate of 6.4540 mills by 8.46%.

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. 25-50. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution No. 25-51** –Adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. 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 2025-2026; 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 2025-2026 in the amount of \$18,112,611.

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 24, 2025.

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

The Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Final Budget be adopted.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

A motion was made by Council Member McCall and seconded by Council Member Russell to approve Resolution No. 25-51. The motion passed unanimously.

E. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Andrews at 5:09 p.m.

City of Chipley

Attest:

Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor

Sherry Snell,
City Clerk