

January 21, 2025

The **REGULAR** meeting of the **CHICKASHA CITY COUNCIL** was held in the council chambers in city hall on the 21st day of January 2025 as specified by advance public notice with a properly prepared agenda stating the subject matter or matters to be discussed at said meeting. Mayor Grayson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 1. **Call to Order / Roll Call / Opening Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

PRESENT: Zachary Grayson, Mayor
Georgianne Hebblethwaite, Vice-Mayor
Kelly Boyd
Oscar Nelson
John Smith
Charlie Burruss
Brian Gerdes

ABSENT: Kea Ginn
Erica Alexander

STAFF

PRESENT: Jim Crosby, City Manager
Rachel Berish, Asst. City Manager
Amanda Mullins, City Attorney
Susan McDaniel, City Clerk
Tony Samaniego, Fire Chief
Chief Music, Police Dept.
Darren Martin, Chief Building Inspector & Airport Manager
Omar Fierro, Public Works Director
Elaine Jensen, Finance Director
Tracey Austin, HR Director
Shae Mortimer, Marketing and Civic Engagement Manager

ITEM 1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Opening Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Roll call:

Boyd – Present
Nelson - Present

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Hebblethwaite – Present

Smith - Present

Burruss - Present

Gerdes – Present

Grayson - Present

Council Member Boyd gave the invocation and Council Member Nelson lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. **Citizen Comments:**

(City Council Rules and Regulations limit visitor comments to a maximum of three minutes.)

ITEM 3. **Council Communications.**

- a. Police Department Presentations
- b. Police Department Annual Report for 2024
- c. Matt Stockman, Festival of Light & Tourism Director – presented an update on the 2024 Festival of Light season and preliminary plans for the 2025 season.

ITEM 4. **Consent Docket: ITEM 4a thru ITEM 4d.**

- ITEM 4a. Acceptance of the Minutes of January 6, 2025, regular meeting.
- ITEM 4b. Acceptance of the Claims List.
- ITEM 4c. Acknowledge receipt of the Economic Development Council of Chickasha, Inc. Check Detail for December 2024.
- ITEM 4d. Acceptance of the financials for December 2024.

*Motion by Council Member Smith, second by Council Member Hebblethwaite to approve the Consent Docket Item 4a thru Item 4d.

Roll call vote:

Ayes:” Boyd, Nelson, Hebblethwaite, Smith, Gerdes, and Grayson.

“Nays:” None

“Abstain:” Burruss

Motion carried. 6-0-1

ITEM 5. **Discussion/Approval of Items Removed from Consent Docket:**

No Action Taken.

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ITEM 6. **Discussion and Consideration Items:**

ITEM 6a. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$61,370.00 – COC-2408 – Shannon Springs Park Pool Rehabilitation.

*Motion by Council Member Smith and second by Council Member Boyd to approve Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$61,370.00 – COC-2408 – Shannon Springs Park Pool Rehabilitation.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Hebblethwaite, Smith, Burruss, Gerdes, Boyd, Nelson, and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 7-0

ITEM 6b. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on a tort claim filed by Sarah Tointigh.

*Motion by Council Member Hebblethwaite and second by Council Member Nelson to deny the tort claim filed by Sarah Tointigh.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:” Hebblethwaite, Smith, Burruss, Gerdes, Boyd, Nelson, and Grayson.

“Nays:” None.

“Abstain:” None.

Motion passed. 7-0

ITEM 6c. Public Hearing to discuss and consider the Use on Review Permit to Epic Charter Schools for 2439 and 2449 Ponderosa Drive for Applicant Ryvers Cook.

Hearing opened at 7:04 p.m.

Ryvers Cook answered questions about the proposed school site.

Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

ITEM 6d. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve Ord. 2025-01 for a Use on Review Permit for Epic Charter Schools to be located at 2439 and 2449 Ponderosa Drive.

*Motion by Council Member Hebblethwaite and second by Council Member Gerdes to approve Ord. 2025-01 as presented.

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Roll call vote:

“Ayes:”	Hebblethwaite, Smith, Burruss, Gerdes, Boyd, Nelson, and Grayson.
“Nays:”	None.
“Abstain:”	None.
Motion passed.	7-0

ITEM6e. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve Onward Chickasha 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

ITEM PULLED FROM AGENDA.

Motion by Council Member Boyd and second by Council Member Nelson to recess meeting and enter into CMA and CMAA Meetings.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:”	Hebblethwaite, Smith, Burruss, Gerdes, Boyd, Nelson, and Grayson.
“Nays:”	None.
“Abstain:”	None.
Motion passed.	7-0

Time Recessed Meeting to enter into CMA and CMAA Meetings at 7:20 p.m.

Reconvene Council Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Roll Call:

Boyd – Present
Nelson - Present
Hebblethwaite – Present
Smith - Present
Burruss - Present
Gerdes – Present
Grayson - Present

ITEM 7. Executive Session Items:

ITEM 7a. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to enter into an executive session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (3) to discuss the purchase or appraisal of real property and to enter into executive session to discuss confidential communications between the City and City’s Attorneys concerning a pending investigation, claim or action which the City with the advice of the City’s Attorneys, has

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determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the City to process the claim or conduct the pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest in compliance with its duty of confidentiality under the provisions of 25 O.S. Section 307 (B) (4).

- **Chisolm Trail Development LLC v City of Chickasha and the Chickasha Municipal Authority, Grady County Case No. CJ-2021-230;**
- **Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Demand for Damages relating to water pipeline right-of-way.**
- **Legal Proceedings relating to acquisition of land for the water treatment plant.**

*Motion by Council Member Smith and second by Council Member Boyd to enter into Executive Session.

Roll call vote:

“Ayes:”	Hebblethwaite, Smith, Burruss, Gerdes, Boyd, Nelson, and Grayson.
“Nays:”	None.
“Abstain:”	None.
Motion passed.	7-0

Entered into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

ITEM 7 b. Consideration to reconvene the open meeting and take appropriate action on any matter discussed in executive session.

Meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

No Action Taken.

ITEM 8.

ITEM 8 Adjournment:

Motion by Council Member Boyd and second by Council Member Gerdes to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

TIME: 8:23 p.m.

Zachary Grayson, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Susan M. McDaniel, City Clerk

Approved this 3rd day of February 2025.