

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 26 , 2026

The Greenville City Council convened in the Council Chamber of City Hall on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. for a regular council meeting. Mayor Jae'Ques Brown called the meeting to order. City Clerk - Treasurer Dee Blackmon called the roll and recorded the following members present: Mayor Brown, Councilmembers Bryan Reynolds, Ed Sims, Joseph West, Brandon Smith Sr., and Kenderius Boggan. Mayor Brown led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Eddie Cook delivered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Brown advised each councilmember had received for review a copy of the proposed minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 12, 2026. He asked if there were any additions, deletions or amendments to the minutes as presented.

Councilmember Smith moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for January 12, 2026, regular Council Meeting as drafted. Councilmember West seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the Council.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Brown reported that he and City Clerk Blackmon have been evaluating the city budget and exploring ways to reduce costs by covering certain expenses in-house. He advised that he had emailed each council member regarding the allocation for LBW Community College. The Mayor stated that the city would reduce the allocation from \$80,000.00 to \$40,000.00 for 2026 and 2027, effective immediately. Mayor Brown further advised that he spoke with Dr. Kelley to explain that the city values maintaining a strong relationship with LBW Community College and remains committed to supporting the institution and growing together. He noted that he is currently working on two additional budget reductions and that city policies are also under review.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

City Clerk Blackmon stated that December and January are typically the months when cash flow increases. She reported that since November, the City has collected approximately \$1.4 million in ad valorem taxes. The City usually receives three to four sales tax deposits monthly, with the last deposit normally ranging between \$700,000 and \$750,000 each. However, the final sales tax deposit for December totaled \$850,000. She also advised the Council that business license fees are being collected through January 31st without penalty. After that date, a 15% penalty will be applied. The General Fund operating account currently has a balance of \$998,735.69, and the City's money market account has a balance of \$850,386.40. Additionally, she noted that payroll is processed biweekly and typically ranges between \$400,000 and \$450,000. City Clerk Blackmon also stated that the 1% sales tax increase will take effect beginning February 1.

Tracy Salter reported that the Chamber will conduct a Love Local campaign during the month of February to encourage community support of local businesses. The campaign will run from February 9th through February 15th. She advised that she has spoken with Mayor Brown regarding the issuance of a proclamation recognizing that week. Additionally, school ambassadors will participate by creating sidewalk art, and designing cards to be distributed to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Ms. Salter further stated that 2026 marks the 29th year of the ACHIEVER Award Scholarship Program, which is funded through donations. She noted that the scholarship initially awarded \$500 per recipient and that, as of this past May, the award amount increased to \$3,500 per recipient.

Police Chief Justin Lovvorn advised that the department is operating under standard conditions, with its primary focus being the safety and security of the upcoming Camellia Gras parade. He reported that two officers, Clark and Stringer, are currently enrolled in the police academy and have approximately ten weeks remaining in their training. Chief Lovvorn further advised that Lieutenant Randall Atkinson has been assigned to attend specialized training at the National Computer Forensic Institute. He noted that the department received a grant through the United States Secret Service to fund this training.

Fire Chief Douglass Belletete provided an update regarding the repair of the fire truck's leaf springs. He advised that the repairs are not expected to be completed until March. In an effort to expedite the process

and reduce costs, he contacted Freightliner of Montgomery. The manufacturer advised that the required parts are not currently in production and therefore, cannot be shipped at this time, resulting in a standstill

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2026-01. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE PROPOSED SALE OF REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF CENTRAL ALABAMA TO FREY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

Mayor Brown explained that each council member received a copy of the letter of intent, which authorizes him to sign on behalf of the city. He advised that the Health Care Authority will also be required to sign and noted that this represents the first phase of the process.

Councilmember Reynolds moved to adopt Resolution 2026-01, which accepts the Letter of Intent. Councilmember Boggan seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

RESOLUTION 2026-02. A RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF ABC LICENSE TO DEVCHENTA INC. d/b/a MAMA D 4 FOR RETAIL BEER (OFF PREMISE ONLY) (#50) AND TOBACCO AND ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS (#990).

Councilmember Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026-02, which approves the issuance of the ABC license to Devchenta d/b/a Mama D 4. Councilmember Sims seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Mayor Brown explained the expenditure, **DEEP SOUTH APPAREL - \$6,338.00 , a BUDGETED ITEM**, and asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilmember West made a motion to approve the expenditure , and** Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Brown explained the expenditure, **NORTHEAST ALABAMA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY - \$6,400.00, a BUDGETED ITEM**, and asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the expenditure, and** Councilmember Sims seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Brown explained the expenditure, **FOUR STAR FREIGHTLINER - \$8,617.75 , an INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT** , and asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the expenditure, and** Councilmember Reynolds seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Brown asked City Clerk Blackmon to explain the expenditure, **MUNICIPAL WORKERS COMPENSATION FUND \$133,698.84, a BUDGETED ITEM. She** advised the council that the premium decreased this year to about \$51,000.00, about a \$1000.00 more than what we paid in 2010. She stated that we had two or three large accidents roll off, which lowered the premium. Mayor Brown asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilmember Sims made a motion to approve the expenditure, and** Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Brown explained the expenditure, **SOUTHERN SOFTWARE \$6,915.00 an BUDGETED ITEM**, and asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilmember West made a motion to approve the expenditure, and** Councilmember Boggan seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of the council.

Mayor Brown explained the expenditure, **MAGIC CITY SIGNS \$19,793.50, TO BE PAID FROM RITZ SURCHARGE ACCOUNT**, and asked if anyone had questions or comments. Hearing none, **Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the expenditure, and** Councilmember West seconded the motion. Mayor Brown announced the **motion carried** with a unanimous vote of council.

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Jae'Ques Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dee H. Blackmon, City Clerk-Treasurer