



City of Jasper
 200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC HEARING
 Thursday, September 26, 2024, 10:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT
 Mayor Kirk Raffield

STAFF
 Brandon Douglas
 Lorrie Waters
 John Sherrer
 Matt Dawkins
 Kim Goldener
 Lindsey Williams
 Mary Elizabeth Burgess
 Emily Grant
 Greg Chapman

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE
 See Attachment A

MEMBERS ABSENT

LEGAL COUNSEL

PRESS
 Mari Livsey – KnowPickens

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order	PRESENTER: Brandon Douglas – City Manager	
Mr. Douglas called the meeting to order @ 10:04am.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

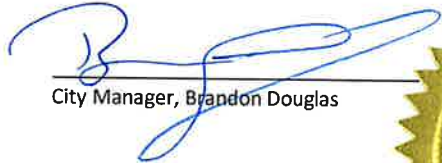
AGENDA ITEM: Administrative Public Hearing	PRESENTER: Brandon Douglas – City Manager	
Public Comments:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marilyn Oatway – 183 Mountain Blvd. – questioned why a tax millage rate increase was needed and when would the questions be answered. 2. Chris Johnson – 1910 Carlan Road – requested an explanation of why there is a deficit. 3. Cynthia Morse – 285 Wildlife Ridge Rd – What will the increase be used for? Questions about why her road has never been developed and why she does not have streetlights. 4. Penny Dicus – 279 Grandview Circle – What is the reason for the increase? Could the city not invest the revenue and obtain additional income this way? 5. Susan Horton – 308 Hood Rd – comment on tax millage increase 6. David Terry – 1282 Parker Rd – commented on how important growth is and that it wasn't necessarily a bad thing. How can we change people's perception of growth? 7. Ray Morgan – 770 East Church St – commented on growth not happening and how the tax millage increase is very hard on small business owners. Concerns about infrastructure and purchase of property on top of the talc mines. 8. Dawn Post – 57 Teton Trail – commented on if the tax revenues will be used on sewer issues. 9. Caryn Lyng – 70 Teton Trail – commented on city services and what she felt she was not getting. 10. John Pittman – 3256 Hwy 53 W – commented that he did not understand why he had city water if he lives in the county. 11. Russell Howard – 120 South Main – owns a land surveying company and stated that he is aware of the historically bad management of the city's infrastructure. He feels that the citizens don't trust that the increases in tax revenues will be used to in any way to improve any of the infrastructure, since it has been overlooked for years 		
Conclusion: Mr. Brandon Douglas responded to the public comments as stated below:		
Mr. Douglas stated that he felt that there were two main concerns from the comments made.		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diversification with Commercial and Residential Properties will help yield more revenue, such as, major retailers, job centers, restaurants, etc. 2. The desire to know where and how much revenue will be spent. Specific amounts will be utilized to help offset the inflationary costs for Property and Casualty coverage and Health Insurance. The budget does not have any increase in personnel, nor does it provide for any cost-of-living adjustments for our employees. The requested increase in tax millage will only help the city to maintain the current level of services. 3. Governmental Fund Balances have limitations on how and what it can be used for. For example, it normally can be invested. 		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn **PRESENTER:** Brandon Douglas – City Manager

Discussion:
Conclusion: Mr. Brandon Douglas adjourned the meeting @ 10:50am.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourned	N/A	N/A



City Manager, Brandon Douglas





City Clerk, Lorrie Waters

PLEASE SIGN IN

City of Jasper
Administrative Public Hearing
SIGN IN ROSTER
September 26, 2024 @ 10:00am

PRINT NAME	ADDRESS/OR BUSINESS AFFILIATION
Kim Goldener	COJ
Daniel Briardy	Pendley Creek Brewing CO.
Cynthia Morse	resident
HONOR LYN JAMES	235 Mountain Blvd
KATHY ORLANDO	230 GRAND CIR.
Dawn Post	51 Teton Trl
Chet Post	51 Teton Trl
Caryn Lyng	70 Teton Trl
Mari Lusey	Knowlton
Susan Horton	3088 Hood Rd
Ray Morgan	770 E Church St
Susan Morgan	770 E Church St
Thyllis Pool	9 Ballew Dr., N
Russell Howard	PO BOX 1111 (RW HOWARD SURVEYING)
Kevin Ghordley	106 Traveler Rest Rd SUTHERLAND, Jasper
Amy Ghordley	14 South Post St Jasper
Chris Johnson	1910 Carlan Rd
Karen Johnson	1910 Carlan Rd
Kenna Lillibridge	1 South Main Jasper

