

*City of Jasper*  
*200 Burnt Mountain Road*  
*Jasper, Georgia 30143*  
**CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, September 16, 2019, 6 p.m.

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Approve Agenda
- V. Special Item
  - A. Approve advertisement of the millage rate
    - 1. Brandon Douglas
- VI. Adjourn

**MINUTES  
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Members Present:

John Foust, Mayor Pro Tem  
Anne Sneve  
Tony Fountain  
Dr. Sonny Proctor

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Brandon Douglas  
Lindsey Williams

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey  
Steve Lawrence  
Jim Looney

Members Absent:

Mayor John Weaver  
Kirk Raffield

Legal Counsel:

None

Press:

None

Mayor Pro Tem Foust called the meeting to order promptly at 6:00 p.m. He requested Jim Looney give the invocation. He requested Councilmember Steve Lawrence lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Foust asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved by Council. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

It is noted that Mayor Weaver and Councilmember Kirk Raffield were absent from the meeting.

Item A under Old Business, Mayor Pro Tem Foust recognized City Manager Brandon Douglas to present the millage rate advertisement for council's approval. Mr. Douglas stated that he is proposing not to roll back the millage rate. He stated that if council decided to leave the rate the same, it would necessitate three public hearings in order to inform the citizens the effects of an unchanged millage rate. He provided council with a history of the city's millage rate back to 1999, as well as a schedule of current versus previous Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) revenues collected. He stated that the city has had a significant revenue decrease in the state TAVT and would need any additional property taxes to offset those revenues. Councilmember Sonny Proctor clarified that leaving the millage rate the same at 4.655 mils versus the rollback rate of 4.536 mils would amount to \$11.90 on every \$100,000 value of property. Mr. Douglas stated that if the city advertised the rollback rate then by law it could not adopt the present millage rate, but it could decide to adopt the rollback rate because the city cannot advertise a lower rate than adopted. Discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Foust entertained a motion that council authorize and approve the staff to take the necessary steps to advertise the City of Jasper's millage rate to be unchanged from last year, which is 4.655 mils. Councilmember Anne Sneve made such motion. Councilmember Sonny Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Foust entertained a motion to advertise for a special called meeting to be held September 30, 2019 for the first of three public hearings in order to adopt the millage rate. Councilmember Sonny Proctor made such motion. Councilmember Tony Fountain seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no other business to come before Council, Mayor Pro Tem Foust entertained motion to adjourn. Councilmember Anne Sneve made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council is scheduled to convene next at the public hearing to be held September 30, 2019.

John Foust  
Mayor Pro Tem



Lisa J. Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director

