

*City of Jasper*  
*200 Burnt Mountain Road*  
*Jasper, Georgia 30143*  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Monday, October 7, 2019, 5:30 PM

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Adopt agenda
- V. Discussion of millage rate
  - A. Brandon Douglas
- VI. Public comments
- VII. Adjourn

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MINUTES  
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Members Present:

Mayor John Weaver  
John Foust  
Anne Sneve  
Sonny Proctor  
Kirk Raffield

Staff:

Lisa Hoyle  
Brandon Douglas

Guests in Attendance:

Mari Livsey

Members Absent:

Tony Fountain

Legal Counsel:

None

Press:

None

Mayor Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He requested John Foust give the invocation. Councilmember Anne Sneve led in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Weaver asked that the agenda be reviewed and approved. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Anne Sneve seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

It is noted that Councilmember Tony Fountain is absent from the meeting.

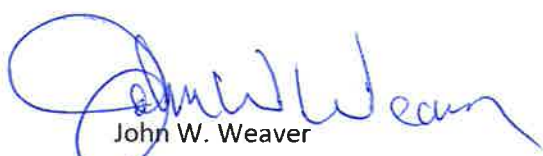
Mayor Weaver recognized City Manager Brandon Douglas. Mr. Douglas stated that this is the last of three required public hearings in the millage rate adoption process. He stated that the second administrative meeting was held this morning and there were no public present for comments. He stated that the current millage rate is 4.655 and that staff's recommendation is to not to roll back the millage rate. He stated that there will be an incremental increase in tax on properties that are assessed at a higher value, however, by maintaining the rate at 4.655 there would be no tax rate increase. He stated council could at the next regular meeting vote to roll back the rate, however council could not vote to raise the rate beyond 4.655 as advertised. He stated following this public hearing that council will vote to adopt the millage rate at the October 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting held at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Weaver opened the floor to comments and questions regarding the proposed 2019 millage rate. There were no public comments.

Councilmember Kirk Raffield clarified that the appraised values would dictate the tax and there would not be an across the board increase in taxes. Mr. Douglas stated that if the property assessed value is the same this year as last year, the tax would stay the same. He stated that if the value of the property increased, there would be an increase in property tax. He stated that 188 properties in the city had an increase. Mayor Weaver clarified that the increase in values meant approximately \$30,000 in additional revenues for the city.

Being no other comments, Mayor Weaver adjourned the hearing.

Council is scheduled to convene next at the regular meeting October 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

  
John W. Weaver  
Mayor

  
Lisa Hoyle  
City Clerk/Finance Director