

MINUTES
Special Called Meeting
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, August 20, 2021
10:00 Am

Members Present:

Mayor Steve Lawrence
Dr. Sonny Proctor
Kirk Raffield
Jim Looney
Anne Sneve

Staff:

Brandon Douglas
Tara Benson
Lindsey Williams

Guests in Attendance:

Members Absent:

John Foust

Legal Counsel:

Press:

Know Pickens
Pickens Progress- Dan Pool
Jon Phares – Jasper Georgia News

Mayor Steve Lawrence asked Councilmember Anne Sneve if she recognized a quorum. See a quorum, Mayor Lawrence recognized meeting as opening. He requested Councilmember Raffield to provide the invocation. He requested Councilmember Proctor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawrence advised that an agenda is in front of them and before he entertained a motion to adopt the agenda, Councilmember Raffield made a motion to adopt the agenda with Councilmember Proctor providing a second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence announced that Councilmember John Foust is not in attendance.

Mayor Lawrence recognized the first item under new business (item A) Discussion and approval of current year and 5-year history ad for the 2021 property Tax. Mayor Lawrence called on City Manager Brandon Douglas. Mr. Douglas thanked Mayor and Council. Mr. Douglas apologized on behalf of Finance Director Beverly Ragland not being able to make it due to illness. Mr. Douglas stated that this meeting is not to approve any mileage rate, this is merely to provide staff on direction on how to advertise. Mr. Douglas provided explanation and review of the mileage rate and roll back. If approves this would result in needing to go through the truth and taxation public hearings as we did in 2019 and 2020. Councilmember Proctor asked if we roll back our millage rate back to keep the taxes the same? Mr. Douglas stated yes. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to use the rollback rate of 5.558 and authorized status proceed with advertising. Councilmember Raffield made a motion to approve. Council member Sneve provided a second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Raffield made a motion. Councilmember Sneve provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence recognized our City Manager Brandon Douglas. Mr. Douglas read a letter of Resignation Thanking the Mayor, Council, Staff and community for the last two and a half years. Mr. Douglas last day will be October 8th, 2021. Mayor Lawrence said he would like to have him another 20 years, he went on to Thank him for all the great things he has done with his time at the city. Council thanked Mr. Douglas for his great leadership.

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember made a motion. Councilmember Sneve provided a second.

Meeting adjourned.


Steve Lawrence
Mayor


Beverly Ragland
Finance Director/City Clerk