

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council

Public Hearing – 2016 Millage Rate

Special Called Meeting

September 21, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and Council met in a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 in the Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Walt Hollingsworth called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members present: Mayor Walt Hollingsworth, Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Met Lane, Councilmember Rory Wojcik. Members absent: Councilmember Jim Watters.

II. PUBLIC HEARING – 2016 MILLAGE RATE

Mayor Hollingsworth opened a public hearing to receive comments regarding the ratification of the 2016 millage rate. Finance Director Jim Triplett advised the Mayor and Council that the millage rate for City maintenance and operations is 4.62 mills. This rate represents no change from the 2015 actual millage rate, but does represent a 2.10% increase over the calculated roll back rate of 4.525 mills.

Comments received were as follows:

Councilmember Met Lane stated that he had only one constituent to express a desire for a millage roll back and that individual owns a large inventory of single-family rental property. Councilmember Lane also advised that during three of the public hearings, only one individual was in attendance to express concerns.

City Manager Grizzard explained that if the City were to roll back the millage rate the savings for a property owner would be as follows:

An owner of property valued at \$100,000 would save only \$3.00 per year

An owner of property valued at \$200,000 would save only \$7.00 per year

An owner of property valued at \$500,000 would save only \$19.00 per year

Mayor Hollingsworth stated that he had not received any complaints from anyone regarding the millage rate. Mayor Hollingsworth also stated that the City is still two mills short of everyone else in the county and has the largest population.

Finance Director Jim Triplett stated that the City could gain between \$250,000 to \$300,000 extra funds to add to the general fund and real estate property tax with the millage set at 4.62 mills. Finance Director Triplett advised that he felt the 2.10 percent increase was not significant enough to generate outcry from the public. Finance Director Triplett noted that the matter had been advertised as required.

After no further discussion on the matter, **Motion by Mayor Hollingsworth, seconded by Councilmember Wojcik to approve the 2016 Millage Rate at 4.62 Mills. (Motion passed 4-0, Councilmember Watters absent).**

III. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Met Lane stated that he, Mayor Hollingsworth, and Councilmember Wojcik had a great time at the recent University of West Georgia football game.

Councilmember Byrd expressed appreciation to those individuals who participated in the recent Downs Syndrome event at Target.

Councilmember Byrd also invited everyone to attend the Legends West Opening Ceremony which will be held on Sunday, September 25th beginning at 3:00 p.m. This event was previously canceled due to anticipated rain storms.

Councilmember Wojcik stated that University of West Georgia Day event went well.

IV. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

V. ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.