

A special meeting of the City Council was held on Friday August 10, 2018 at 11:00 am in the Richard A. Bolin Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Keith Brady presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brady called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Mayor Keith Brady; Council members present: Ray DuBose; Rhodes Shell; Cynthia E. Jenkins and George Alexander. Council member absent: Dustin Koritko. Also present were City Manager, Cleatus Phillips; City Clerk, Della Hill; Assistant City Manager, Hasco Craver and City Attorney, Brad Sears.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 – PROPERTY TAX/ MILLAGE RATE INCREASE

Mayor Brady opened the public hearing for property tax/millage rate increase.

The City Manager presented a report for the property tax/millage rate increase. He indicated this is the second of three public hearings we are required to hold. He went over how the roll back number is figured from the information received from Coweta County Tax Commission. He informed Council 96 per cent of taxes are collected. He noted if the millage rate of 4.00 mills is approved the impact on property taxes for 2018 would only be \$14.30 for home valued at \$275,000. He indicated if we take the roll back there is a possibility taxes could still increase because of reassessment. Potential budget impacts for 2019 are TAVT Revenue, hiring of Fire Fighters, establishment of Leisure Services, additional Beautification Crew, Downtown Sanitation Supplement, Trolley Operations, Health Insurance, Employee requests and potential pay increase; total cost of these services \$1,725,000. He also went over the Fund Balance for the University of West Georgia. The debt balance is estimated for year end at \$511,396. In order to insure our high level of service continues, in addition to offering new select services, I am recommending Council consider adopting a millage rate of 4.00 mills.

Mr. Robert Coggin, 3 Alpine Drive, stated the Council and Staff have done an outstanding job providing services for the City. He is in favor of the proposed 4.00 mills as presented. He wants to be sure the same type services will be available for residence in the future.

Mr. Walter Krauth, 5 Glenleigh Way, asked if the budget goes from July 1st.

The City of Newnan budget is for a calendar year.

Mayor Brady closed the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman DuBose, seconded by Councilman Alexander to adjourn the Council meeting at 11:16 am.

MOTION CARRIED. (6 – 0)

Della Hill, City Clerk

Mayor, Keith Brady