

City Council Meeting – SPECIAL CALLED  
10 N. Public Square  
August 11, 2022  
5:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

## **OPENING MEETING**

Mayor Santini called the Council Meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The City Council met in Special Called Session with Matthew Santini, Mayor presiding and the following present: Jayce Stepp, Council Member Ward Two; Cary Roth, Council Member Ward Three; Calvin Cooley, Council Member Ward Four; Taff Wren, Council Member Ward Six; Dan Porta, City Manager; Julia Drake, City Clerk and Keith Lovell, Assistant City Attorney.

Absent: Kari Hodge, Council Member Ward One; Gary Fox, Council Member Ward Five

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **1. City M&O Millage Rate – 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing**

Mayor Matthew Santini stated property taxes received from the Cartersville M&O property tax collections are used for the general city government operations, which include police, fire, recreation, public works, etc.

The proposed 2022 millage rate is set at 2.910 mills and is not the rollback rate (rollback rate was 2.589 mills). As a result, the rate of 2.91 mills is considered to be a property tax increase of 12.40% over the rollback rate. The tax increase on a house that has a fair market value of \$125,000 would be approximately \$16.05. Furthermore, the city is required to hold three public hearings for the citizens to voice their opinions regarding the proposed property tax increase.

Public hearing was opened.

Michael Lusk, 4 Twinleaf Ct., came forward to speak against the City M&O Millage Rate.

David Hulsey, 226 Bartow St., came forward to speak against the City M&O Millage Rate.

With no one else to come forward to speak for or against the City M&O Millage Rate, the public hearing was closed.

This was the first public hearing. The second public hearing will be held on August 18, 2022 at 8 AM, and the third public hearing will be held on August 18, 2022 at 7 PM. Approval is recommended of the Cartersville M&O property tax millage rate of 2.910 mills for 2022.

### **2. Cartersville School System Millage Rate Set at 13.906 Mills for 2022**

Mayor Santini stated the Cartersville City School System has recommended to their Board to adopt the millage rate of 13.906 mill for 2022. The rollback rate is 12.277 mills. As a result,

the rate of 13.906 mills is considered to be a property tax increase of 13.27% over the rollback rate. The tax increase on a house that has a fair market value of \$125,000 would be approximately \$49.65.

Public hearing was opened.

Michael Lusk, 4 Twinleaf Ct., came forward to speak against the City M&O Millage Rate.

With no one else to come forward to speak for or against the City M&O Millage Rate, the public hearing was closed.

Furthermore, the city is required to hold three public hearings for the citizens to voice their opinions regarding the proposed property tax increase. This was the first public hearing. The second public hearing will be held on August 18, 2022 at 8 AM, and the third public hearing will be held on August 18, 2022 at 7 PM. Approval was recommended of the Cartersville City School System property tax millage rate of 13.906 mills for 2022.

Council Member Wren made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:24 P.M.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew J. Santini  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Julia Drake  
City Clerk