

City Council Meeting – SPECIAL CALLED
10 N. Public Square
August 9, 2023
5:00 P.M. – Council Meeting

OPENING MEETING

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

Invocation by Council Member Cooley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Fox.

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; Gary Fox, Council Member Ward Five; Dan Porta, City Manager; Julia Drake, City Clerk

Absent: Kari Hodge, Council Member Ward One; Taff Wren, Council Member Ward Six

PUBLIC HEARING

1. City M&O Millage Rate – 1st 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 2023 millage rate is set at 2.910 mills. This rate is the same as last year. 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.

Joe Bolducc, 14 Allison Cit., came forward to speak in opposition of the property tax increase to which Mayor Santini stated the increase in property taxes are handles by Bartow County Tax Assessors Office.

Michael Lusk, 4 Twin Leaf Ct., came forward to speak in opposition of the increase of taxes.

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 17, 2023, at 8 AM, and the third public hearing will be held on August 17, 2023 at 7 PM. Approval is recommended of the Cartersville M&O property tax millage rate of 2.910 mills for 2023.

2. Cartersville School System M&O Millage Rate

Mayor Santini stated the Cartersville City School System has recommended to their Board to adopt the millage rate of 13.906 mill for 2023. This rate is not an increase and will remain the same as for the past 2 years.

Public hearing was opened.

Mr. Lusk returned to the podium to speak in opposition to the millage rate.

Lee Goldberg, 16 Ridgeview Dr., came forward to state she was against the rate and would prefer a roll-back rate to help off-set the rise in property taxes.

Mr. Bolducc returned to the podium to speak against the 13.906 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.

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Council Member Stepp made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:42 P.M.

/s/ _____
Matthew J. Santini
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ _____
Julia Drake
City Clerk