

THE CITY OF DALTON
SPECIAL CALLED
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING #1
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The Mayor and Council held a Special Called meeting this morning at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall. Present were Mayor Annalee Sams, Council members Dennis Mock, Nicky Lama, Steve Farrow and City Administrator Andrew Parker. Council member Tyree Goodlett was not in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sams called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Lama the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On the motion of Council member Mock, second Council member Farrow, the Mayor and Council approved the agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PRESENTATION OF 2024 MILLAGE TAX INCREASE

City Administration Andrew Parker stated the City is required by law to hold (3) public hearings when adopting a millage rate higher than the calculated rollback rate. Parker stated this is the 1st of three hearings pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32, to publish the presentation of the current year's estimated tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CFO Cindy Jackson stated the Mayor and Council has tentatively adopted a 2024 millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 5.10% above the rollback millage rate. Jackson further stated that the tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 1.936 mills (i.e. the same millage rate as 2024), an increase of .094 mills above the calculated rollback rate. Jackson stated without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 1.842 mills. Jackson continued stating the proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$200,000 is approximately \$16.92 and non-homesteaded property with a fair market value of \$800,000 is approximately \$75.20.

Parker followed stating that holding the millage flat will allow the City to recover a very de minimis portion of the fund balance contribution the Council has made in 2024 to complete projects. Parker further stated the temporary tax collection order entered by the judge called for 2023 digest plus 10 %. Parker stated after calculations one could have thought that it would have produced a digest of 10% over 2023 values however after doing the math it was significantly lower. Parker further stated that staff concerns were if the city did the roll back it would bring in less revenue than what was calculated on paper because it's been a moving target. Lastly Parker stated that holding the millage flat will be a little bit of insurance to insure the City collects at least what was budgeted for property tax revenues in 2024.

There were no public comments.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

City Administrator Andrew Parker stated The City of Dalton Mayor and Council do hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at Dalton City Hall, 300 W. Waugh Street, Dalton, GA 30720, Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on the motion of Council member Goodlett, second Council member Lama, the Mayor and Council adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

Bernadette Chattam
City Clerk

Annalee Sams, Mayor

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Approved: _____

Post: _____