



City of Guyton
**PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE/
MILLAGE RATE**
July 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Call to Order

Mayor Russ Deen called the July 30, 2020 City of Guyton Public Hearing to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. Mayor Russ Deen, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Johnson, SR., Council Member Joseph Lee and Council Member T. Marshall Reiser were present at the Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Property Tax Increase/Millage Rate.

Other staff Present: City Manager Bill Sawyer was present.

ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NEW BUSINESS

Open Public Hearing – Notice of Property Tax Increase/Millage Rate

Mayor Deen opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor Deen turned the Public Hearing over to City Manager Bill Sawyer to discuss the Notice of Property Tax Increase/Millage Rate

City Manager Bill Sawyer, Georgia requires that a rollback Millage Rate must be computed. Guyton did have a reassessment and the City had about 4 million dollars in additional digest funds. The PT 32.1 Form on taxes decided that our rollback rate was going to be a specific amount of money. It was going to be 3.465. The City Council and the Mayor must have a specific amount of money to operate the City. The City is proposing a 3.566 which is a 0.89 decrease in last years Millage Rate. The Tax Increase was 2.91%. If your property did not go up in value last year then you will not have a tax increase, but if your home did go up in value then your property will be taxed at the lower rate than it was last year.

Public Comments

Karen Keech stated when she did her research that she understands because we went through a reassessment of the entire County. For instance, her property value increased by \$4,000. Therefore, her taxes reflect the value that the County assessed her property based on that \$4,000 increase. If our values increased our taxes increase. If our value does not increase, then your taxes did not increase. Even if you are getting an increase you will still be taxed at a lower rate.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

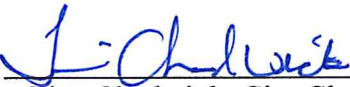
Mayor Deen stated that a Second Public Hearing will be held on July 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and a Third Public Hearing will be held on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Notice of Property Tax Increase/Millage Rate.

Consideration to Adjourn this Budget Workshop

Johnson made a Motion to Adjourn the Public Hearing at 11:15 a.m. Lee seconded the Motion. **Motion passed Unanimously.**



Russ Deen, Mayor



Tina Chadwick, City Clerk

