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SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: MILLAGE RATE #3

Holt-Bishop Justice Center, Municipal Courtroom, 101 Main Street

August 29, 2023 | 6:00 PM

Meeting Call to Order (Mayor Gil McDougal)

Present: Mayor Gil McDougal, Councilwoman Shirley Marchman, Councilman Matthew Momtahan, Councilwoman Anna McCoy (late) and Councilman Danny Carter.

Finance Director, Jennifer Hallman, delivered the millage rate presentation.

Adoption of Agenda

Councilman Matthew Momtahan moved to adopt the amended agenda to include A. 2 – Set Millage Rate.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
SECONDER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
AYES:	Marchman, Momtahan, Carter

A. Finance (Jennifer Hallman, Finance Director)

1. Public Hearing #3:

Peg Taylor- enjoyed the presentation and is asking for a full rollback of the millage rate due to inflation.

Stephanie Warmouth- mentioned that fair market value of homes has increased and believes that she is paying taxes on an inflated market. Requests a rollback of the millage rate.

Doug Lang- Appreciated the presentation but believes raising taxes in an election year would be a pretty gutsy move.

Leslie McPherson- Both of her home values have increased which in turn increased her property taxes. Mentioned that higher taxes can increase their mortgage payments.

Charlotte Evans- Spoke that her property value has increased and is considering selling their family home in the city due to the rising costs. With the increase of her water bill, she asked that the millage rate not be increased as well.

Joshua Evans- Has been in his home 44 years he owns his own company and can afford a tax increase, but other families in the city are struggling and he requests that the millage rate not be increased.

Barbara Jean Brown- mentions that housing rates whether it is rent or a mortgage they are all increasing and people are being forced to move. She wants everyone to love one another and help one another. She mentioned that surrounding towns have done a full rollback their millage rate.

Kristy Chastain- Reiterated what others have said. She mentioned that over the last 3 years fair market value has increased over \$66,000. She has had to reduce her HSA account and is eating at home more. She wants to know what the city is doing to save money.

Mary Woodven- Has seen dramatic increases of her taxes. She has lived here 22 years, and appreciated the presentation. She heard nothing about what the citizens get with a tax increase. Encourages the council not to increase the tax.

Kim Poer- Want to have the taxes set back, mentioned that everyone should appeal their taxes.

Mayor McDougal encouraged the citizens to file an appeal of their property taxes if they believe the value or home information is incorrect. He also spoke about the tax digest as it pertains to the city. He recommended that the Council adopt a full rollback of the millage rate to 5.822, second lowest value in more than 30 years.

2. Setting of the Millage Rate

Councilman Danny Carter moved to roll the Millage Rate all the way back to 5.822.

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Danny Carter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Matthew Momtahan, Councilman
AYES:	Marchman, Momtahan, McCoy, Carter

Councilwoman Shirley Marchman moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilman Danny Carter and the vote was unanimous.


City Clerk Theresa Campbell


Mayor Gil McDougal