



City of Jasper
 200 Burnt Mountain Road
 Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | SPECIAL CALLED
 Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Steve Lawrence
 Folsom C. Proctor
 John Foust
 Jim Looney
 Kirk Raffield-Zoom

STAFF

Sonia Jammes
 Kim Goldener
 Tara Benson
 David Hall
 Lindsey Williams
 John Sherrer
 Stacy Johnson
 Mike

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

See attached

MEMBERS ABSENT

Anne Sneve

LEGAL COUNSEL

PRESS

Mari Livsey – KnowPickens
 Dan Pool – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence asked councilmember Jim Looney if there is a quorum, seeing a quorum the Mayor called the meeting to order. Mayor Lawrence called on councilmember Looney to provide the Invocation. Councilmember Folsom Proctor led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
ACTION ITEMS None	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A
	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adopt Agenda	PRESENTER: Mayor Steve Lawrence
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence called to adopt the agenda.	
CONCLUSION: Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve. Councilmember Proctor provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.	
ACTION ITEMS None	PERSON RESPONSIBLE N/A
	DEADLINE N/A

AGENDA ITEM: New Business #1 Consideration and approval to advertise for Millage Rate	PRESENTER: Lindsey Williams
DISCUSSION: Mayor Lawrence called on Finance Director Lindsey Williams. Mrs. Williams stated that she is waiting on information from the county before she can give the exact tax digest numbers. Mrs. Williams explained that the city will receive the tax digest and inflationary growth chart, allowing us to fill out the correct forms to help determine if the city should roll back its millage rate. Mrs. Williams is requesting approval to advertise once she has the information from the county. If the council does not want to rollback the millage rate, we are required by CGA 48-5-32.1 to hold three public hearings notifying the public of a tax increase. Mrs. Williams stated by law we have to advertise a week in advance before each public hearing. Mrs. Williams noted to the public that the taxes will not necessarily increase, but if your assessment went up then your taxes may go up. Councilmember Proctor stated that we receive the information from the tax assessor’s office for every parcel of land that is in the city, providing us with the total value of our properties in the city. Then we compare that to what last years are and that is what gives us the index that we use to determine what should be our final rate of tax.	
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Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to approve staff to submit the advertisement for the millage rate and for any potential increase that we could or could not have. Councilmember Foust made a motion to approve. Councilmember Looney provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn **PRESENTER:** Mayor Steve Lawrence


DISCUSSION:

Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn.

CONCLUSION:

Councilmember Foust made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Proctor provided a second. Motion to approve passed unanimously. Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourn	N/A	N/A



Mayor



City Clerk