



City of Jasper
200 Burnt Mountain Road
Jasper, GA 30143
 MINUTES | COUNCIL WORK SESSION-PUBLIC
 HEARING-SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
 Thursday, October 23, 2025, 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Kirk Raffield
 Dr. Folsom Proctor
 John Foust
 Jim Looney
 Anne Sneve
 Brandon Hannah

STAFF

Brandon Douglas
 Kim Goldener
 Lorrie Waters
 Lindsey Williams
 Mary Elizabeth Burgess
 Mike Davis

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

See Attachment "A"

MEMBERS ABSENT

LEGAL COUNSEL

David Syfan via phone for
 Executive Session

PRESS

Mari Livsey – Know Pickens
 Dan Pool – Pickens Progress

AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
<p>Mayor Raffield opened 3rd and final Public Hearing on the 2025 Millage Rate @ 6:00pm. Mayor Raffield called on Mr. Brandon Douglas to provide a presentation on the tax millage. Within the presentation there were examples of how the millage rate and HB581-Floating Homestead Exemption would affect both the homeowners and property owners who live within the city limits of Jasper.</p> <p>Public Comments: Mayor Raffield called on anyone who wanted to speak on these items, heard none and closed the public hearings @ 6:11pm.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Call Meeting to Order		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
<p>Mayor Raffield called the meeting to order @ 6:12pm. Mayor Raffield called on the Councilmember Anne Sneve to confirm a quorum was present.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM III: Adopt Agenda		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
<p>CONCLUSION: Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Councilmember John Foust provided a second. The motion to approve passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM IV: Consideration of 2025 Millage Rate		PRESENTER: Brandon Douglas – City Manager
<p>Discussion: Staff came before council on August 28th to request to advertise the millage rate at 6.221, which is the same as the 2024 millage rate. Due to this being considered a tax increase, OCGA 48-5-32.1 requires (3) public hearings to be held. These public hearings were conducted on October 9th at 10:00am and 5:30 pm and October 23rd at 6:00pm. Staff is recommending holding steady with the current millage rate of 6.221. If property owners claim homestead exemption, they should not see an increase in their taxes from last year. If they are non-homestead and the assessed value of their property increased, then they will see an increase in taxes for 2025.</p>		

Conclusion:		
Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to approve the roll back rate of 6.136 as the 2025 Tax Millage Rate Ordinance 2025-22. Councilmember Anne Sneve provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM V(a): Consideration of GEFA Drinking Water Loan Modification Request		PRESENTER: Kim Goldener – Deputy City Manager
Discussion:		
The original loan documents for the GEFA Drinking Water Loan DW2024004 ("Water System Improvements") indicated an end of construction occurring in December 2025. Based on when we started the process to obtain the loan (Fall 2023), December 2025 was a best guesstimate on when construction would end. GEFA reached out in late September for an update and advised that since we will not achieve this milestone, we must request a loan modification - please see attached. As a part of the package to GEFA, the City will include a letter explaining our progress and reasoning for the modification, and GMC will include a letter that includes the new anticipated end of construction.		
There is no fee to modify the loan as this is our first modification request on this particular loan.		
Staff requests that Council authorize the mayor to execute any and all documents associated with the Loan Modification request for the Drinking Water Loan #DW2024004.		
Conclusion:		
Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to authorize the mayor to execute any and all documents for loan modification for GEFA Drinking Water Loan #DW2024004. Councilmember Anne Sneve provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM V(b): General Utilities Update		PRESENTER: Kim Goldener – Deputy City Manager
Discussion:		
A general update was provided on the current state of the city's utilities. Ms. Goldener requested council to consider authorizing the City's consultant (Kimley-Horn) to negotiate pricing and a potential reduction in project scope for the GEFA funded Water Treatment Plant Rehab project.		
Conclusion:		
Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to authorize the City's consultant (Kimley-Horn) to negotiate pricing and a potential reduction in project scope for the GEFA funded Water Treatment Plant Rehab project. Councilmember Anne Sneve provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

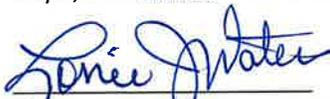
AGENDA ITEM V(c): Consideration of Renewal of Speed Detection Device Permit		PRESENTER: Brandon Douglas – City Manager
Discussion:		
Staff requests Council to consider renewing the current Speed Detection Device Permit.		
Conclusion:		
Mayor Raffield called for a motion. Councilmember John Foust made a motion to approve the Renewal of Speed Detection Device Permit. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Executive Session		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
<p>Discussion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion to go into Executive Session @ 6:41pm for discussion of Legal. Councilmember Jim Looney made a motion to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Brandon Hannah provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mayor Raffield made a motion to end Executive Session @ 7:47pm and go back into council session. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion and Councilmember Jim Looney provided a second. Motion passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Approved	N/A	N/A

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn		PRESENTER: Mayor Kirk Raffield
<p>Conclusion: Mayor Raffield called for a motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:49pm. Councilmember Brandon Hannah made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Jim Looney provided a second. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Adjourned	N/A	N/A



 Mayor, Kirk D. Raffield



 City Clerk, Lorrie Waters



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