



MINUTES
Cochran City Council
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
Special Called Meeting @ 6:30PM

City Auditorium, 102 N Second Street, Cochran, GA 31014

Present: Mayor Billy Yeomans, Mayor Pro Tem Keith Anderson
Councilmembers: Gary Ates, Andrew Lemmon, Rufus Veal
Absent: Carla Coley, Jimmy Jones

Call to order by Mayor Billy Yeomans @ 6:30PM

The invocation was given by Councilmembers Veal & the Pledge led by Councilmember Lemmon.

- I. Call to Order by the Mayor**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Attendance**
- V. Adopt Agenda**
- VI. Agenda Items**

ITEM #1- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern
Public Hearing on proposed millage increase.

Mayor called the public hearing to order at 6:33PM

This public hearing was called to provide any interested parties with an opportunity to express their views or concerns in accordance with the section 48-5-32 of the O.C.G.A.

The City of Cochran proposed to set the FY 22-23 millage rate at 11.767 mills. This is the 1.384 over the current 10.383 millage rate. The county's recent tax digest shows the city's roll back at the rate of 9.119 mills. The roll back rate is due to the county's recent revaluations of properties in the city and county. The roll back of 9.119 mills is not sufficient to fund city operations for the coming fiscal year which started July 1,2022.

The city of Cochran has not had an increase since 2015 and one (1) roll back in 2020.

Mayor listed several cities that had higher and several cities that had lower millage rate than the city of Cochran.

Mayor called for any public input for or against the proposed milage increase.

No on spoke.

Public Hearing closed at 6:42PM.

ITEM #2- Presented by City Manager, Richard Newbern

Discussion of ordinance to regulate large trucks parked on private property on residential zoning districts.

City Manager gave a slight run down on the item in discussion. Mayor asked the Council what their thoughts were. Veal and Lemmon expressed their concerns for and against it. Anderson and Ates stated they needed to get more information and talk to the citizens in their district and bring it back to the Council at the November meeting.

Police Chief Jeff Trawick gave some important advice concerning the tractor trailers and suggested some verbiage to use in the ordinance if approved.

Mayor called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Ates made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilmember Anderson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

(SEAL)

Tracy B Jones
City Clerk