

Special Council Meeting

August 17, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 11:00am.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Robert Bird, Jr., Councilman Justin Wright, and Councilman J. Micheal Evans (arrived to meeting at 11:02am). Absent Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

1st Public Hearing-Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase: Mayor Harley entered into public hearing at 11:00am.

City Accountant Harrison informed all that this meeting will be the 1st of 3 public hearings to inform the citizens that the Mayor and Council propose to maintain the 2020 millage rate of 11.944 which will fund the FY 2022 maintenance and operations of the city. This proposed millage rate remains the same as the 2020 millage rate. The proposed millage rate will generate a 3.32% increase over the 2020 tax levy. This increase requires three public hearings advising the public that the city could roll back the millage rate by 4.20%. Not rolling back the millage rate the city will gain an additional income of \$ 79,783 over the 2020 city taxes levied to help fund the FY 2022 General Fund Budget of \$ 5,541,669. This \$ 76,783 is anticipated income only since 100% of property taxes would have to be collected to realize this full amount. Since proposed millage rate of 11.944 is being maintained as last year's rate, the only way a property owner would see an increase in property taxes is if their property has been reassessed at a higher value during the year.

Mayor Harley, informed all that from 2018 to 2020 showed us at a decrease in millage rate, have had a very constant flow of millage rate. Consistently has gone down or stayed even over the past 10 years. The increase in homes and size of the city has changed, a lot of growth in the city. All of the property taxes do not fund the Police and Fire budget which is over 3 million, senior exemption continues to increase. Mayor Harley stated that he pays taxes and his property did increase in value this year by \$20,000.

No public comments.

Mayor Harley closed public hearing and adjourned meeting at 11:05am.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date