

Special Council Meeting

August 20, 2024

Mayor Harley called meeting to order at 11:00am.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings. Absent Councilman Justin Wright.

1st Public Hearing 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate: Mayor Harley read the following press release. The City of Centerville Mayor and Council today announces its intention to increase the 2024 property taxes it will levy this year by 4.27 percent over the rollback millage rate.

Each year, the Board of Tax Assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the City. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the City indicates there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the Board of Tax Assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and adjust the assessment. This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed to produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget adopted by City of Centerville Mayor and Council requires a millage rate higher than the rollback rate and therefore Mayor and Council have made the decision to adopt the 2024 millage rate of 9.50. Since this rate is higher than the rollback rate of 9.111 the City, by law must advertise as a property tax increase.

Before the City of Centerville Mayor and Council set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

All concerned citizens are invited to attend the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at the Centerville City Hall Building, 300 E Church Street, Centerville, Georgia 31028 on August 20th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on September 3rd, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., after which the Mayor and Council will vote to adopt the 2024 Digest.

Mayor Harley closed meeting and opened the public hearing at 11:04 am.

No public comment.

Mayor Harley closed the public hearing at 11:04 am and closed council meeting at 11:04 am.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date