

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING OF THE APALACHICOLA CITY COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 25, 2018, 6:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.

PRESENT: Mayor Van Johnson,
Commissioner Jimmy Elliott
Commissioner Brenda Ash
Commissioner Mitchell Bartley
Commissioner Anita Grove

Ron Nalley, City Manager
Lee Mathes, Director of Administration
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
Janelle Paul, Deputy/Utility Billing Clerk
Bobby Varnes, Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and gave the invocation and led the pledge.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Grove made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ash seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mayor Johnson then opened the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET

Commissioner Ash made the following statement:

CITY OF APALACHICOLA 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET INFORMATION:

GENERAL FUND: 4,605,800

ENTERPRISE FUND: 2,065,200

TOTAL BUDGET: 6,671,000

PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE: 9.6043

ROLLED BACK RATE: 9.5862

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Mayor Johnson then opened the floor for Public Comment.

Citizens spoke out both for and against the proposed rate increase. Some citizens encouraged the Mayor and Commission to stay the course and increase the rates to avoid bankruptcy or State takeover, while others requested the Mayor and Commission to step down.

There being no further public comments, the public hearing was closed and the special meeting was opened by Mayor Johnson.

SPECIAL MEETING

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Adoption Decision – Resolution 2018-09 – Final Adoption FY 2018-2019 Millage Rate

Pat Floyd read Resolution 2018-09 by title as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA LEVYING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 STATING THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED EXCEEDS THE ROLLED BACK RATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 millage rate at 9.6043 mills which is a .19% increase over the rolled back rate of 9.5862. Commissioner Ash seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Adoption Decision – Ordinance 2018-04 – Final Adoption Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

Pat Floyd read Ordinance 2018-04 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

Commissioner Grove made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-04 adopting FY 2018-2019 budget. Commissioner Ash seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

With no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Janelle C. Paul, Deputy Clerk