

The second budget public hearing and special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Betty Webb, City Clerk Lee Mathes, Chief of Police Bobby Varnes

Visitors: Timmy Davis, Wesley Creamer, Shirley Taylor, Susan Clementson, Caty Greene, David Adlerstein, Denise Roux, Jim Bachrach, Marilyn Hogan, Caroline Weiler

Public hearing opened by Mayor Johnson followed by prayer and pledge.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Ash made the following announcement:

#### **CITY OF APALACHICOLA 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET INFORMATION:**

GENERAL FUND:	1,996,046
ENTERPRISE FUND:	1,447,400
TOTAL BUDGET:	3,443,446

PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE: 9.1735

ROLLED BACK RATE: 9.5886

PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE IS A 4.3291% DECREASE OF THE ROLLED BACK RATE

THIS IS THE SECOND REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION PROCESS OF THE 2011-2012 BUDGET

Susan Clementson stated in 2009 the Commission authorized \$30,000 Key Funds to be used for capital improvements. To date, less than half of the authorized funds have been spent. Ms. Clementson stated she and Caty Greene discussed with the Library Board the possibility of using \$7,000 of the left over funds to pay for Ms. Greene's insurance and retirement. The Library Board denied this request because the Library Board did not want the Key Funds to be used on personnel. Ms. Clementson continued stating that it was the intention to pay for Ms. Greene's benefits for the first year out of the Key Funds, and for the City to fund the position in the years after that.

Discussion held concerning Library.

Mayor Johnson stated the City Attorney is researching Ms. Greene's employment status and will have a recommendation at October meeting. Mayor Johnson stated if the Library Board makes a recommendation to use capital improvement funds from Key Funds for Ms. Greene's benefits, he will support their decision.

There being no further public comment, public hearing closed.

Mayor Johnson opened special meeting.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**ADOPTION DECISION – RESOLUTION 2011-05 – FY 2011-2012 MILLAGE RATE**

Mayor Johnson read Resolution 2011-05 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 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, STATING THE PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE MILLAGE RATE TO BE LEVIED EXCEEDS THE ROLLED BACK RATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-05 setting the millage rate for FY 2011-2012 at 9.1735 mills made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Ash, Cook, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

**ADOPTION DECISION – ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04 – FY 2011-2012 BUDGET**

Mayor Johnson read Ordinance No. 2011-04 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA ADOPTING THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-04 adopting the FY 2011-2012 budget made by Commissioner Ash, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 3 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

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There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

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Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

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Lee H. Mathes, City Clerk