

City of Blue Ridge

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Special Called Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall
480 West First Street
October 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Kendall
Council Members Angie Arp, Harold Herndon,
Bruce Pack and Rhonda Thomas
City Clerk Kelsey Ledford
City Clerk Trainee Sally Smith

Absent: Mayor Donna Whitener


- 1) Call Meeting to Order:
Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to call the meeting to order. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bruce Pack. The Council voted 5-0. Motion carried.
- 2) Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance:
Council Member Bruce Pack offered a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Council Meeting Rules of Procedures:
Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Kendall announced that the Council Meeting Rules of Procedures were available at the Council desk.
- 4) Approval of Minutes:
There were no minutes available for approval.
- 5) First Millage Rate Hearing (Open for Comments):
Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Kendall read the Press Release Announcing a Proposed Property Tax Increase (attached). Council Member Angie Arp mentioned that it was not a true tax increase. Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Kendall explained the County's reassessments impacting the City's tax revenue, resulting in having to advertise a tax increase.
- 6) ARC Grant:
Mayor Whitener was not present at the meeting to discuss the ARC Grant. Council Members Angie Arp and Rhonda Thomas made comments prior to moving on to the next agenda topic.
- 7) Executive Session (if needed):
An executive session was not needed.

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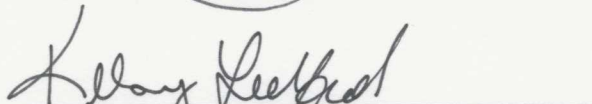
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8) Adjournment:

Council Member Rhonda Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Angie Arp. The Council voted 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.



Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Kendall



City Clerk Kelsey Ledford

November 8, 2016
Approved



PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Blue Ridge today announces its intention to increase the 2016 property taxes it will levy this year by 3.75 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 county. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicate 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. The increase in 2016 property taxes is the result of property reassessments and not an increase in the millage rate from the prior year.

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

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearings on this tax increase to be held at City Hall, 480 West First Street, Blue Ridge, Georgia on October 11, 2016 at 10 am and 6:00 pm and on October 18, 2016 at 10:00 am.

The budget tentatively adopted by the City of Blue Ridge requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the City of Blue Ridge may finalize the tentative budget and 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.