

DeFuniak Springs City Council

First Public Hearing on Tentative Millage and Budget

September 8, 2009

The DeFuniak Springs City Council met in Budget Session at 5:15 PM with the following members present: Mayor C. Harold Carpenter; City Council Members: Don Harrison, James Coffield, Henry Ennis; City Manager Kim Kirby, Clay Adkinson standing in for City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Finance Director Sara Bowers, City Clerk Susie Campbell-Work. Mayor Pro-Tem James Huffinan, Councilman Wayne Graham, and City Attorney Clayton Adkinson were absent.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order.

The item for discussion at the meeting was to set the 2009-2010 Tentative Budget.

TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE: Clay Adkinson, standing in for City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, announced that the millage to be adopted would be 1.38% more than the roll back rate of 4.4387; that is the tentative millage to be adopted of 4.5. He said that Mrs. Sara Bowers would discuss with the public why there is an increase in ad velorum tax reveues.

Finance Director, Sara Bowers, said that the reason the City is seeing an increase was because there was an increase in property values. She said the millage rate of 4.5% has remained the same for at least 20 years. Mr. Adkinson asked if that is because property values, themselves, are increasing. Mrs. Bowers said yes. Mr. Adkinson asked her if it included new homes and additional buildings that were not here last year. Mrs. Bowers said yes. Mr. Adkinson added, "But not an increase in millage itself." Mrs. Bowers said, "That was absolutely correct."

Mr. Don Harrison asked how much it was increasing. Mr. Adkinson said that it was increasing 1.38% more than the roll back rate. Mr. Harrison said, "Not 1.4 mills." Mr. Adkinson said 1.38%.

Mayor Carpenter asked for any public comments or questions. There being none, Mr. Adkinson asked the staff if they had any comments or questions. He said if not they would need two motions. He said the first motion should be to set a tentative budget rate at the proposed rate of 4.5 mills.

Motion made by Don Harrison to set the Tentative Millage Rate for the 2009-2010 fiscal year at 4.5 mills, second by James Coffield. Motion carried 3-0.

TENTATIVE BUDGET: Mr. Adkinson said there would need to be a second motion to set the tentative budget at \$26, 190,310.00.

Motion made by Don Harrison to set the tentative budget rate at \$26,190,310.00, second by Henry Ennis. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Adkinson said that concludes the business for the hearing and the proper motion would be to adjourn.

There being no further business, Mayor Carpenter adjourned the meeting.

Further discussion took place about the date of the next hearing.

Mr. Adkinson said to reopen the hearing. Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order, again, and reopened it for the purpose of setting the next budget hearing.

Kim Kirby said September 22, 2009 at 5:15pm would be the next hearing. Mr. Adkinson said a motion would be needed to set that hearing.

Motion made by James Coffield to set Tuesday, September 22, 2009, at 5:15 p.m. as the date of the next hearing, second by Don Harrison. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business, Mayor C. Harold Carpenter adjourned the meeting.

ADOPTED this 26th day of October, 2009

C. Harold Carpenter

C. Harold Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Elizabeth S. Campbell-Work

Elizabeth S. Campbell-Work, City Clerk