

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2015

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: RONNIE DIXON, RAYMOND TURNER, CECIL THOMPSON, BRIAN FROST, LISA CHESSER, AND EDDIE TYSON

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: BILL TORRANCE – CITY MANAGER, BILL BEDINGFIELD, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK, MELISSA MOORE - ADMIN ASSISTANT, REID THRELKELD – CITY ATTORNEY, JAMES O’NEAL - ESG

MAYOR DIXON BROUGHT THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:00 A.M.

AGENDA

1. **Approval of the 2015 Millage Rate** – Mr. Torrance presented the 2015 millage rate that was discussed at the August 10, 2015 Council Meeting. The 5 year digest was run in the paper as required so a motion is needed to approve the rate. A motion was made by Councilman Frost to approve the millage rate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner. The vote was unanimous. (See Attached Digest)
2. **Tourism Board** – Mr. Torrance informed the council that the new Tourism Committee would meet next Monday the 24th. He also informed the Council that Allison Osborne could not commit to serve on the board at this time, but that John Tyson was very interested and eager to serve. He is asking the Council to approve John as a member of the Tourism Board. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.
3. **Toombs County Library Request** – Mr. Torrance explained that the Library is requesting \$20,000.00 from the City and \$20,000.00 from the County so that, along with in house funds, they would have the necessary matching funds to apply for a State Grant. The funds will be used for much needed repairs to the building, including the roof, HVAC, flooring, and technology infrastructure. Councilwoman Chesser made a motion to approve the request and to take the funds from fund balance. Councilman Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT –

Mr. Torrance presented a request from the Second Harvest Food Bank to acquire approximately an acre of land from the City to build a warehouse for food storage and distribution. It would create about 3 jobs to start with, but could add more as they grow. The land in question is on Mathews Industrial and Harris Industrial. City Attorney Reid Threlkeld recommended property located on Harris Industrial. The Council is in agreement to pursue this proposal.

Mr. Torrance explained to the Council that the Pages are again trying to close Country Club Road. The Council asked that Mr. Torrance and City Attorney Threlkeld keep an eye of this, and bring back to the Council if necessary.

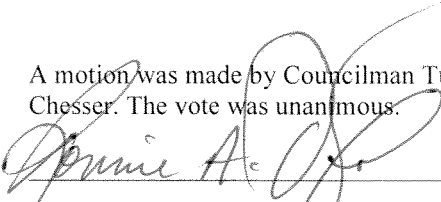
Mr. Torrance informed the Council of a 4” sewer line, located on 4th Street East, that has collapsed and needs to be replaced. The total cost is \$24,630.25, and will come from the water and sewer line item in SPLOST. A motion was made by Councilman Turner to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tyson, The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Torrance informed the Council of a lawsuit that was filed against the City that was actually concerning an alleged incident at Meadows Regional Hospital. City Attorney Reid Threlkeld stated that this did not involve the City, and that he would reply informing the claimant’s Attorney of this fact. Councilman

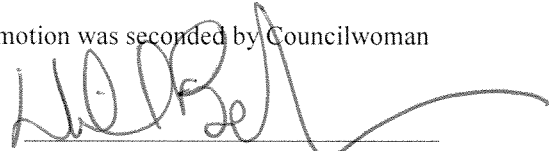
Turner made a motion to have Mr. Threlkeld respond accordingly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Frost. The vote was unanimous.

The Mayor set September 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. for a Council work session. The session will be at the Training room located at the Annex.

A motion was made by Councilman Turner to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chesser. The vote was unanimous.



Ronnie A. Dixon, Mayor



William E Bedingfield, City Clerk

CURRENT 2015 TAX DIGEST AND 5-YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

The **Vidalia City Governing Authority** does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a Called Council meeting to be held at the Vidalia City Annex on August 20, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. 48-5-32, does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CITY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
REAL & PERSONAL	\$281,948,633.00	\$291,797,370.00	\$302,069,038.00	\$325,200,314.00	\$327,418,629.00	\$331,397,627.00
MOTOR VEHICLES	\$22,044,690.00	\$21,663,280.00	\$21,926,010.00	\$22,593,320.00	\$20,659,150.00	\$12,645,600.00
MOBILE HOMES	\$385,775.00	\$349,533.00	\$377,479.00	\$361,007.00	\$347,443.00	\$344,502.00
TIMBER - 100%	\$0.00	\$28,284.00	\$17,725.00			\$57,211.00
HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT						
GROSS DIGEST	\$304,379,098.00	\$313,838,467.00	\$324,390,252.00	\$348,154,641.00	\$348,425,222.00	\$344,444,940.00
LESS MOO EXEMPTIONS	\$37,160,042.00	\$42,505,325.00	\$42,855,099.00	\$44,126,334.00	\$48,552,172.00	\$50,110,681.00
NET M&O DIGEST	\$267,219,056.00	\$271,333,142.00	\$281,535,153.00	\$304,028,307.00	\$299,873,050.00	\$294,334,259.00
GROSS M&O MILLAGE	11.749	11.600	11.250	11.092	11.001	11.304
LESS ROLLBACKS	7.263	7.100	6.750	6.710	6.570	6.840
NET M&O MILLAGE	4.486	4.500	4.500	4.382	4.431	4.464
NET TAXES LEVIED	\$1,198,744.69	\$1,220,999	\$1,266,908	\$1,332,252	\$1,328,737	\$1,313,908
NET TAXES \$ INCREASE	(\$18,458.54)	\$22,254.45	\$45,909.05	\$65,343.85	(\$3,514.56)	(\$14,829.35)
NET TAXES % INCREASE	-1.52%	1.86%	3.76%	5.16%	-0.26%	-1.12%
Montgomery County						
CITY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
REAL & PERSONAL	\$12,562,537.00	\$12,090,146.00	\$12,225,655.00	\$11,367,385.00	\$11,995,980.00	\$11,100,490.00
MOTOR VEHICLES	\$1,317,650.00	\$1,322,670.00	\$1,135,420.00	\$1,012,630.00	\$1,263,940.00	\$1,135,970.00
MOBILE HOMES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TIMBER - 100%						
HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT						
GROSS DIGEST	\$13,880,187.00	\$13,412,816.00	\$13,361,075.00	\$12,380,015.00	\$13,259,920.00	\$12,236,460.00
LESS MOO EXEMPTIONS	\$102,013.00	\$114,311.00	\$75,756.00	\$156,834.00	\$57,648.00	\$26,867.00
NET M&O DIGEST	\$13,778,174.00	\$13,298,505.00	\$13,285,319.00	\$12,223,181.00	\$13,202,272.00	\$12,209,593.00
GROSS M&O MILLAGE	10.799	10.639	3.549	3.826	3.553	4.153
LESS ROLLBACKS	7.263	7.100	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.580
NET M&O MILLAGE	3.536	3.539	3.549	3.826	3.553	3.573
NET TAXES LEVIED	\$48,719.62	\$47,063.41	\$47,149.60	\$46,765.89	\$46,907.67	\$43,624.88
NET TAXES \$ INCREASE	(\$1,439.39)	(\$1,656.21)	\$86.19	(\$383.71)	\$141.78	(\$3,282.80)
NET TAXES % INCREASE	-2.87%	-3.40%	0.18%	-0.81%	0.30%	-7.00%