

Council Minutes
City of Gordon
Public Hearing on Mill Rate
October 16, 2017
6:30 P.M.

The Council of the City of Gordon held a Public Hearing on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Annex located at 108 Elam Street. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public input on the proposed mill rate increase as advertised. (Copy of Current 2017 Tax Digest & 5 Year History of Levy and Notice of Property Tax Increase attached.) Members present were Mayor Mary Ann Whipple-Lue and Council Members Mr. Bruce Daniel, Mr. Freddie Densley, Mrs. Barbara Towles, Mrs. Doretha Whipple, and Mr. George Wynn. Also present were Matt Garvin and Greg Boike from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

Mayor called the Public Hearing to order.

Invocation was given by Mayor Lue.

Greg Boike from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission highlighted procedures for raising mill rate which includes holding three public hearings at which time citizens may be heard regarding the budget.

Mayor then opened the hearing up to the public for questions, input, etc.

Citizen Leslie Johnson expressed her concern that if the Council is considering raising the millage rate then the Council should review the Panning & Zoning Ordinance in Gordon in order to bring in more homes for more of a tax base. This issue was discussed.

Citizen Kellie Robinson also expressed her concern over zoning requirements in the city.

Citizen Warren Bivins stated that Macon is filing for a one cent sales tax to lower their mill rate and property taxes and inquired if the city had explored that option.

Mr. Boike explained that it could possibly be considered, but since the city of Gordon has a relatively small sales tax base compared to Macon that he did not know to what extent it would be beneficial to Gordon but it could be explored. Mr. Boike went on to state that it would not do a whole lot compared to what is needed.

Mr. Garvin explained that the time frame for the sales tax would not be helpful for the FY18 Budget because it has to be voted on in an election and it is too late for that to occur in time for this years budget.

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Issue was discussed.

Having no further questions, Mayor adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m.

November 6, 2017

Approved & Adopted

Mary Whipple-Lue

Mayor

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City Clerk