

A public hearing and special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, 1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

Present: Mayor Van Johnson, Commissioner Jimmy Elliott, Commissioner Brenda Ash, Commissioner Mitchell Bartley, Commissioner Frank Cook, City Administrator Lee Mathes, City Clerk Deborah Guillotte, Officer Timmy Davis, Attorney Pat Floyd

Visitors: Mike Vroegop, Robin Vroegop, Trudy Downs, Bob Lindsley, Diane Brewer, Robert Graham, Holley Brown

Public Hearing opened by Mayor Johnson.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2015-2016 BUDGET

Commissioner Ash read the following statement:

City of Apalachicola 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget information:

General Fund:	2,159,992
Enterprise Fund:	1,752,110
Total Budget:	3,912,102

Proposed Millage Rate: 9.6043
Rolled Back Rate: 9.1734

Proposed Millage Rate is a 4.70% increase of the Rolled Back Rate.

This is the Final Public Hearing and Special Meeting for Final Adoption of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget.

No public comment.

Public hearing closed and special meeting opened by Mayor Johnson.

SPECIAL MEETING

ADOPTION DECISION – RESOLUTION 2017-13 – FY 2018-2018 Millage Rate

Attorney Floyd read Resolution 2017-13 by title as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA LEVYING THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE FOR THE MUNICIPAL PURPOSES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITH THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, 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 2017-13 levying the 2017-2018 millage rate at 9.6043 made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 3 to 2.

Voting Aye: Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: Bartley, Ash

ADOPTION DECISION – ORDINANCE NO. 2017-10 – FY 2018-2018 BUDGET

Attorney Floyd read Ordinance No. 2017-10 by title as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA ADOPTING THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-10 adopting the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget made by Commissioner Elliott, second by Commissioner Cook.

Motion carried 3 to 2.

Voting Aye: Cook, Elliott, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: Bartley, Ash

CITY OF APALACHICOLA vs. FRANKLIN COUNTY

Attorney Floyd recommended the City Commission dismiss the RESTORE Act litigation with Franklin County due to the fact that the suit is no longer relevant and proceeding will not be beneficial to the City.

Motion to authorize Attorney Floyd to proceed with process to dismiss RESTORE Act litigation with Franklin County made by Commissioner Bartley, second by Commissioner Elliott.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

Voting Aye: Cook, Elliott, Bartley, Ash, Mayor Johnson

Voting Nay: None

There being no further business meeting adjourned.

Van W. Johnson, Sr., Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk

