

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE APALACHICOLACITY COMMISSION HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020, 6:00 PM AT THE APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY CENTER.

PRESENT: Mayor Kevin Begos
Commissioner Anita Grove
Commissioner Adrian Elliott
Commissioner Despina George
Commissioner Brenda Ash

Travis Wade, City Manager
Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk
Leo Bebeau, Finance Director

CALL OF ORDER

Mayor Begos called the meeting to order and Commissioner Ash gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Begos opened the Public Hearing.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Commissioner Grove made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET

Mayor Begos stated that in 2018, that the Commission thought \$436,000 insurance check went into the general fund, but discovered it went into a surplus trust account, which means we have more in the general fund.

Mayor and Commission discussed the following: 1) Relief for low income seniors, in terms of water and sewer bills (see Exhibit “A”), 2) Commercial district relief on SUF fees for one month, if requested by business; 3) existing millage rate and rollback rate explained by Mayor Begos to the public. Discussion held by Commission.

There being no further comments, Mayor Begos closed public hearing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2020-13 – FINAL ADOPTION FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 MILLAGE RATE

Mayor Begos read Resolution 2020-13 in its entirety.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA; SETTING A FINAL BUDGET HEARING DATE, TIME AND PLACE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Grove made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-13, adopting the Final 2020-2021 Millage Rate of 9.001 (rollback rate). Commissioner Elliott seconded and the motion carried 4-1. Commissioner George opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2020-05 – APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2020-05 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET

Mayor Begos read Ordinance 2020-05 by title:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2020-05, adopting the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget, and proceed with the adoption process. Commissioner Ash seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. Commissioner AG seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Kevin Begos, Mayor

Deborah Guillotte, City Clerk