



City of Powder Springs

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Meeting Minutes - Final

City Council

Mayor

Albert Thurman

Council Members:

*Henry Lust, Doris Dawkins, Dwayne Green, Patrick Bordelon, Patricia
Wisdom*

Monday, July 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Cultural Arts Center

Special Called City Council - Millage 2nd Public Hearing Onsite at Patricia Vaughn Cultural Arts Center - 4181 Atlanta Street

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84834122308>

Meeting ID: 848 3412 2308 Dial: 1-929-205-6099

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Lust called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Mayor Al Thurman was absent. Council Members Bordelon, Dawkins, and Green attended on site. Council Member Wisdom arrived at 6:21pm. Also present onsite were City Manager Pam Conner and City Clerk Kelly.

Staff members in attendance: Glenda Lehner, Tamara Newkirt and Travis Sims.

2. 2nd Public Hearing 2023 Millage Rate

[PR 23-011](#)

Presentation - 2023 Millage Rate Presentation for Fiscal Year 24

Pam Conner, City Manager, discussed the recommended uses of the adopted budget. Mrs. Conner mentioned increases in personnel and wages, lowering retirement ages from 65 to 62 for public safety staff, service delivery negotiations, state relief coverage, equipment, and capital projects.

Travis Sims, Finance Director, provided a presentation of the approved fiscal year 2024 budget of the tax millage for 2023. Mr. Sims stated that after receiving the tax digest from Cobb County, the City would collect more revenue than the year prior. He provided data of the five year history of the levy; an explanation of the Cobb County digest process; and the effects and definition of the homestead exemptions, and explained the decrease in taxes of homeowners that filed homestead exemptions at the County level based on Gov. Brian Kemp's tax credit. He also reiterated that the tax rate of 9.5 mills did not change, however the revenue has projected to increase.

[ORD 23](#)
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AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF POWDER SPRINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attachments: [ORDINANCE 2023-014 Millage](#)
[2023 Powder Springs PT32.1 Millage Rollback Certification](#)
[Copy of 2023- 5 year history](#)
[Copy of 2023 Spreadsheets to verify Digest advertisement calculations](#)
[Copy of Estimate of Average Values Homestead and Non Homestead Values](#)
[NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE 2023](#)
[Powder Springs 2023 Tax Digest](#)
[Powder Springs 2023 Tax Digest](#)
[Executed ORD 2023-012](#)
[MDJ July 7, 2023 Tax Notice](#)

3. Citizens Comments

Tiffany Neuhoff, resident of 4103 Brownsville Road in Powder Springs GA, asked for clarification on the State requirement in terms of the tax increase.

Finance Director Travis Sims stated that the tax increase is based on the amount of money the City collects and not on what an individual taxpayer pays.

Registration to speak at any City Council meeting, per City Charter, is the day of the meeting only beginning 20 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (5:40 PM - 6:00 PM). The first twelve registering to speak will be given five (5) minutes to address Mayor and Council with their comments. You can register by signing up in person at the Cultural Arts Center located at 4181 Atlanta Street - location of the on site meeting or by emailing kaxt@cityofpowdersprings.org between 5:40 PM and 6:00 PM to register to speak.

4. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that this Adjournment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

Absent: 1 - Mayor Thurman