



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 24, 2023

6:30 PM

Cultural Arts Center

Special Called City Council - Millage 3rd Public Hearing & Adoption Onsite at Patricia Vaughn Cultural Arts Center - 4181 Atlanta Street

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86331312414>

Meeting ID: 863 3131 2414 Dial: 1-929-205-6099

1. Call to Order

Mayor Thurman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Council Members Bordelon, Dawkins, Green, and Lust were present on site. Council Member Wisdom was absent. Also present onsite were City Attorney Julie Livingston, City Manager Pam Conner and City Clerk Kelly Axt.

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

Present 5 - Mayor Al Thurman, Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Henry Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Doris Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Dwayne Green, and Council Member - At Large Post 1 Patrick Bordelon

Absent 1 - Council Member - At Large Post 2 Patricia Wisdom

2. 3rd Public Hearing, 2nd Reading and Adoption of 2023 Millage Rate

[PR 23-011](#)

Presentation - 2023 Millage Rate Presentation for Fiscal Year 24

Finance Director Travis Sims provided a presentation to set the millage rate for 2023. Mr. Sims added that there's a recommendation to keep the millage rate at 9.5 mils; discussed the process of the tax digest from the County to the City; stated that Georgia law reads if that there's more revenue collected in taxes than the previous year the City is obligated to advertise a tax increase and hold three public hearings; reviewed the five year history; talked about the homestead exemption; and spoke about the Homestead Tax Relief Credit.

City Manager Pam Conner discussed the planned uses of the additional tax revenue. Mrs. Conner recommended an increase in personnel; service delivery negotiations; improving benefits and increasing wages; and capital projects and equipment

acquisitions.

[ORD 23-012](#)

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](#)

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that Ordinance ORD 23 -012 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, and Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon

Absent: 1 - Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom

3. Citizens Comments

No citizen comments were made.

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 (6:10 PM - 6:30 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 6:10 PM and 6:30 PM to register to speak.

4. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, seconded by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, that this Adjournment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mayor Pro Tem - Ward 1 Lust, Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, Council Member - Ward 3 Green, and Council Member - At Large Post 1 Bordelon

Absent: 1 - Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom