



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

12:00 PM

Patricia C. Vaughn Cultural Arts Center & VIA
ZOOM

Special Called City Council - Millage 1st Public Hearing and Introduction Onsite at Patricia Vaughn Cultural Arts Center - 4181 Atlanta Street

**Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89384554657>
Meeting ID: 893 8455 4657 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 was absent. Also present onsite were City Manager Pam Conner and City Clerk Kelly.

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

- Present** 4 - 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** 2 - Mayor Al Thurman, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Patricia Wisdom

2. 1st Public Hearing, 1st Reading, and Introduction of 2023 Millage Rate

[PR 23-011](#) Presentation - 2023 Millage Rate Presentation for Fiscal Year 24

Pam Conner, City Manager, introduced the 2023 Millage tax increase presentation. Mrs. Conner stated that this is the first of three public hearings to set the City's millage rate. Mrs. Conner stated that there are no recommendations for changing the millage of 9.5 mills. The City Manager discussed recommended uses, increases in personnel and wages, lowering retirement ages from 65 to 62 for public safety staff, service delivery negotiations, 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.

The Council body asked what is the impact of accelerating street repairs in terms of capital projects; where would the funding come from; does the City contribute to the seizure fund; are the proposed roads apart of the road rating system; and how assured are you with the repayment on borrowing money for the new City Hall. Mrs. Conner replied that Public Works recommendation is to repair the poorest condition streets within a two year period, incorporate the marginal condition streets, and start regular maintenance into the fourth year; funding would have a portion coming from SPLOST, another portion from LMIG and savings of a department at the end of a budget year; we had one officer who had since left working in child trafficking where the need was so we don't participate in seizure funds; those named roads are apart of the road rating system; in previous meetings Staff has indicated that we didn't have sufficient funding with the bond funds and the SPLOST funds to pay for the City Hall and did anticipate borrowing from the reserve and paying it back to replenish for future capital needs.

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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

No citizen comments.

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 (11:40 AM - 12:00 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 11:40 AM and 12:00 PM to register to speak.

4. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member - Ward 3 Green, seconded by Council Member - Ward 2 Dawkins, 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: 2 - Mayor Thurman, and Council Member - At Large Post 2 Wisdom