

City Council of Peachtree City
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Minutes of Meeting
August 11, 2004
7:00 p.m.

The City Council of Peachtree City met in a special called meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2004, in the Peachtree City Library. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Council Members present were: Stuart Kourajian, Steve Rapson, and Judi Rutherford. Murray Weed was unable to attend due to illness.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to discuss the 2004 millage rate. City Manager Bernard McMullen pointed out that the 2004 millage rate would remain at 5.283 mills, the same as 2003. However, the City had been required to advertise the millage rate as a tax increase since property values had increased due to reassessments. The difference between the proposed millage rate and the rollback was .255 mills and .258 mills was needed to support the general obligation (G.O.) bond for the library renovation.

Brown said a press release highlighting the new positions, which were 70% in public safety, and the budget highlights should be sent out. Rutherford suggested the article include three new police officers, etc., rather than just stating 10 full-time and 2 part-time positions.

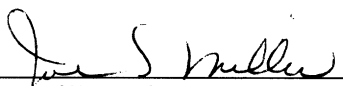
McMullen continued that based on a \$200,000 property, the tax bill, including County, City, school, and state taxes, would be \$2,788.00. The distribution of the total of 34.85 mills on a tax bill was Fayette County Schools, 19.19 mills, \$1535.20; Fayette County School Bond, 3.74 mills, \$299.20; Fayette County, 6.39 mills, \$511.20, Peachtree City, 5.28 mills, \$422.40; and the state, 0.25 mill, \$20.00. Rapson pointed out that the County collected 21% more in tax money from City residents than the City collected for the services it provided.

The budget highlights included no millage rate increase, an improved cart path and street paving program, improved service delivery due to addition of new employees, the library expansion due to passage of the G.O. bond by voters, and major road and infrastructure improvements budgeted for the Highway 54 West corridor.

The meeting adjourned to Council Chambers. Rutherford moved to adjourn into executive session to discuss a matter of threatened or pending litigation. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Rutherford moved to reconvene in regular session. Rapson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

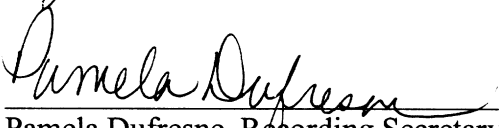
There being no further business to discuss, Brown moved to adjourn. Rutherford seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Jane Miller, City Clerk



Stephen D. Brown, Mayor



Pamela Dufresne, Recording Secretary