

CITY OF CLEWISTON
Tentative Millage & Budget Hearing
September 7, 2023

The Clewiston City Commission held a Tentative Millage & Budget Hearing in the City Hall Commission Chambers Wednesday, September 7, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Pittman. The audience joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Mayor James Pittman, Vice Mayor Greg Thompson, Commissioner Mali Gardner, Commissioner Barbara Edmonds and Commissioner Hillary Hyslope.

Personnel Present: City Manager Randy Martin, Finance Director Shari Howell, Police Chief Thomas Lewis, Community Development Director Travis Reese, Code Enforcement Officer Debbie Clay and IT Administrator Justin Lucas. City Attorney Dylan Brandenburg attended via telephone.

Visitors Present: Terry Gardner

Additions/Deletions/Changes and Approval of the Agenda – Manager Martin stated that Resolution No. 2023-075 was revised to correct a clerical error changing the year 2022 to 2023 with no changes in the body of the resolution.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, to approve the agenda with the revised Resolution No. 2023-075. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING - First Public Hearing of the FY 2023-2024 Budget – 5:05 p.m.**
 - A. Resolution No. 2023-075** – Resolution No. 2023-075 adopts a tentative millage rate for the levy of ad valorem taxes for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The proposed millage rate is 6.5314 mills.

Mayor Pittman opened the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tentative Millage & Budget Hearing. He stated the proposed tentative tax on all property located within the City is at the rate of 6.5314 mills for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 which represents a 6.99% increase over the 6.1047 rolled-back millage rate. He then asked for public comments. None were heard. Mayor Pittman read Resolution No. 2023-075 in its entirety and asked for discussion. Commissioner Gardner stated for the record that she will not be supporting the resolution for the proposed millage rate and that the rolled-back rate of 6.1047 is the right one. Vice Mayor Thompson concurs with Commissioner Gardner.

Commissioner Hyslope made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Edmonds, to approve Resolution No. 2023-075. Vote 3 yeas, 2 nays (Vice Mayor Thompson and Commissioner Gardner voted nay.)

B. Resolution No. 2023-076 – Resolution No. 2023-076 adopts the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mayor Pittman read Resolution No. 2023-076 in its entirety.

Commissioner Hyslope made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Edmonds, to approve Resolution No. 2023-076. Vote 3 yeas, 2 nays (Vice Mayor Thompson and Commissioner Gardner voted nay.)

Before the vote, Commissioner Gardner restated that she would not support the millage rate of 6.5314.

After the vote, Manager Martin stated that the next action will be on September 12th at 5:05 for the Commission to consider final action on the fire assessment.

Mayor Pittman closed the tentative millage and budget hearing at 5:19 p.m.

Adjournment

Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays

James Pittman, Mayor

Mary K. Combass, City Clerk