

**CITY OF METTER
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

A public hearing was held at City Hall on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5:30 p. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilman Paul MacGregor
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson
Councilwoman Rashida Taylor
Councilman Brandon Sikes
Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease
Interim City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Finance Manager Cindy Collins
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers
Public Works Director Cliff Hendrix
Police Chief Robert Shore
Carvy Snell, Metter Advertiser

There were no guests present at these public hearings.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Boyd called the public hearing to order and welcomed everyone.

PURPOSE

Proposed Tax Increase

The first purpose of this hearing is to notify citizens that the City of Metter, Georgia has tentatively adopted a 2019 Millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by .362 percent.

The tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 11.983 mills, an increase of .362 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 11.621 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$14.48 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$43.44.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current

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year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no assessment occurred.

The budget proposed by the City of Metter requires a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the City of Metter Council may finalize a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

This hearing is the third and final public hearing regarding the 2019 tax increase.

FY 2020 Budget

The second purpose of the hearing is to notify citizens of the City of Metter Proposed FY 2020 Budget and to give them an opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns.

The FY 20 proposed budgets were released for public inspection on September 4, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No citizens were present at the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

After no public comments, Mayor Boyd adjourned the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk