

**CITY OF METTER
PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019
11:00 A.M.**

A public hearing was held at City Hall on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 11:00 a. m. in the Council Chambers.

Attending the meeting were the following officials:

Mayor Edwin O. Boyd
Councilman Paul MacGregor
Councilwoman Amy Harrelson
Interim City Manager Carter Crawford
City Clerk Angie Conner
Finance Manager Cindy Collins
Chief of Police Robert Shore
Fire Chief Jason Douglas
HR/Purchasing Manager Missy Edenfield
Director of Tourism/Business Development Heidi Jeffers
Carvy Snell, Metter Advertiser

Councilwoman Rashida Taylor, Councilwoman Chyrileen Kilcrease, and Councilman Brandon Sikes were not present at this public hearing.

Attending the Public Hearing were the following guests:

Ernest Franklin

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

PURPOSE

The 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.

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

The budget adopted 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Franklin said he didn't understand the millage. Mayor Boyd and Interim City Manager Carter Crawford explained the need for the increase.

ADJOURNMENT

After no further comments, Mayor Boyd adjourned the public hearing at 11:30 a.m.

Angie Conner, City Clerk