

City Council Special First Budget Hearing
Minutes
September 12, 2023
5:15 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The First Budget Public Hearing of the Crestview City Council was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mayor JB Whitten. Board members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich, Council members: Doug Capps, Cynthia Brown, and Ryan Bullard. Also present: City Manager Tim Bolduc, City Clerk Maryanne Schrader, City Attorney Jonathan Holloway, and various staff members. Councilmember Joe Blocker was excused.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Doug Capps.

3. Open Policy Making and Legislative Session

Mayor JB Whitten declared a quorum was present.

4. Approve Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich and seconded by Councilmember Cynthia Brown to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll Call: Cynthia Brown, Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Ryan Bullard. All ayes.

Motion carried.

5. Public Hearings / Resolutions for Tentative Millage and Budget

5.1. Resolution 2023 -12 Adopting the FY23/24 Tentative Millage Rate

City Manager T. Bolduc presented Resolution 2023-12, Adopting the FY23/24 Tentative Millage Rate to the City Council and asked the City Clerk to read the Resolution by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Resolution 2023-12 aloud: A Resolution of the City of Crestview, Florida, Adopting the Tentative Levying of a Millage of 6.8466 For the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024, and Providing For an Effective Date.

City Manager T. Bolduc added the City of Crestview of Okaloosa County, Florida, held a Public Hearing, as required by Florida Statute. The gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Okaloosa County has been certified by the County Property Appraiser to the City of Crestview as \$1,846,855,839. The Fiscal Year 2024 operating millage rate is 6.8466, which is more than the rolled-back rate of 6.2520 by 9.51%.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comments from the Council and from the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Ryan Bullard and seconded by Councilmember Cynthia Brown to adopt Resolution 2023-12.

Roll Call: Cynthia Brown, Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

5.2. Resolution 2023-13 Adopting the Tentative FY23/24 Budget

City Manager T. Bolduc presented Resolution 2023-13, Adopting the Tentative FY23/24 Budget to the City Council. He then asked the City Clerk to read the Resolution by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Resolution 2023-13 aloud: A Resolution of the City of Crestview, Florida, Adopting the Tentative Budget For the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024, and Providing For an Effective Date.

City Manager T. Bolduc stated the budget was agreed upon by the City Council in previous meetings. He stated the City of Crestview of Okaloosa County, Florida, set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of \$74,388,168 and asked the Council to adopt the budget.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council and the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Andrew Rencich and seconded by Councilmember Douglas Capps to adopt Resolution 2023-13.

Roll Call: Cynthia Brown, Andrew Rencich, Douglas Capps, Ryan Bullard. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

7. Comments from the Audience

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the public.

Mike Lango, property owner, stated the Council needs to work on affordable housing solution. He said the millage rate is the highest in the County, adding that the insurance and HOA rates have gone up. He explained he had to raise the rate for his tenants because of the insurance and millage rate increases.

Roy Estes, citizen, spoke on the need for sponsorship for youth teams to assist our parks and recreation program.

Councilmember R. Bullard agreed with Mr. Lango on the high millage rate issue. He said he will work on reducing the rate. He also agreed with adding sponsorship programs.

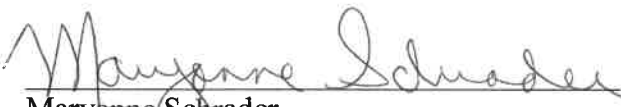
8. Adjournment

Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes approved this 25th day of September 2023.



JB Whitten
Mayor



Maryanne Schrader
City Clerk
Proper Notice having been duly given

