

City Council Final Budget Hearing Minutes
September 25, 2023
5:15 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The Final Budget 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 to the flag of the United States of America was led by Councilmember Doug Capps.

3. Open Policy Making and Legislative Session

Mayor JB Whitten declared a quorum was present. He went over the rules and procedures.

4. Approve Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

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

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

5. Public Hearings /Resolutions for Final Millage and Budget

5.1. Resolution 2023 - 14 Adopting the Final Millage

City Manager T. Bolduc introduced to the City Council Resolution 2023-14, Adopting the Final Millage stating the rate has been discussed over the last four months. He then asked the City Clerk to read Resolution 2023-14 by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Resolution 2023-14 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 announced after the tentative millage hearing, the City must advertise its intent to adopt a final millage. The public hearing to adopt the final millage must be two to five days after the advertisement appears in the paper as required by Florida Statute 200.065(2). The advertisement, as required by Florida Statute 200.065(2), was in the Northwest Florida Daily News on Thursday, September 21, 2023. The tentative millage rate of 6.8466 was adopted by Resolution 2023-12 at the Tentative Millage Hearing on September 12, 2023. He continued that the taxing authority is the City of Crestview located in Okaloosa County, the current rollback rate is 6.2520, the proposed tentative millage rate is 6.8466 which is a 9.51

percentage increase over the roll back rate. The millage rate to be levied is 6.8466, which is the same as last year.

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

Motion by Councilmember Doug Capps and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Bullard to adopt Resolution 2023-14.

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

Mayor JB Whitten reiterated that the economy has been on the rise and expenses for all services has risen.

5.2. Resolution 2023 - 15 Adopting the Final Budget

City Manager T. Bolduc presented to the City Council Resolution 2023-15, Adopting the Final Budget stating the budget must be advertised within fifteen days after the tentative budget hearing, adding the City must advertise its intent to adopt a final budget. The public hearing to adopt the final budget must be two to five days after the advertisement appears in the newspaper as required by Florida Statute 200.065(2). The advertisement, as required by Florida Statute 200.065(2), was in the Northwest Florida Daily News on Thursday, September 21, 2023. The tentative budget with expenditures of \$74,388,168 was adopted by Resolution No. 2023-13 at the Tentative Budget Hearing held on September 12, 2023. He then asked the City Clerk to read the Resolution by title.

City Clerk Maryanne Schrader read Resolution 2023-15 aloud: A Resolution of the City of Crestview, of Okaloosa County, Florida, Adopting the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024 and Providing for an Effective Date.

City Manager T. Bolduc added there were no significant changes or expenditures in the current year.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment 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 2023-15.

Roll Call: Cynthia Brown, Andrew Rencich, Doug 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.

8. Adjournment

Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Minutes approved this 9th day of October 2023.



JB Whitten
Mayor



Maryanne Schrader
City Clerk
Proper Notice having been duly given

