

City Council Meeting Minutes

City of Sylvester
Public Hearing
City Hall Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Call to Order 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mayor Harold Proctor, Jr.
Councilman Melvin Powell, Ward 1
Councilman Isaac Jackson, Jr., Ward 2
Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Giddens, Ward 3
Councilman Earnest Carter, Jr., Ward 4
City Manager Chris Davis
Assistant City Manager Richie Childers
Assistant City Manager Tanita Norris
City Clerk Markesha Bivens

Absent: City Attorney Lester Castellow

Call to Order: Mayor Harold Proctor, Jr.

Invocation/Pledge: Mayor Harold Proctor, Jr.

With the proper notice of date and time advisement and public notice requirements satisfied, Mayor Proctor thanked everyone for their attendance. The purpose for this Special Called Meeting is to hear public comments on the proposed millage rate.

City Manager Chris Davis provided details of property taxes and millage rate. Prior to this meeting, an informational packet was provided. Staff recommends an increase of 1 mill from the current rate of 7.379. Three public hearings are required, by Georgia law, to be held September 25, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and October 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with adoption meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Remarks

Mayor Proctor informed of comments provided in the previous public hearing. The concern of Economic Development exists and the city provides infrastructure, but the decision is the developers to select Sylvester and invest in the community.

Announcements

Mr. Davis provided a storm preparation update. Efforts have begun to ensure employee and citizen safety with the impending hurricane. Staff will continue monitoring with permission to close City Hall Thursday at lunch, closing Friday.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Fire Department and Comfort Station at the H.H. Woolard Center will open at 2pm for citizens. Department Heads will work and ensure restoration efforts move accordingly. Sandbags are available at the old Public Works Building and safety is a priority at all times. A public service announcement will be placed on the social media page and city's website.

Adjournment

With all agenda items covered, Councilman Jackson motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing, with a second by Councilman Powell. Voting yes were Mayor Proctor, Councilmen Carter, Giddens, Jackson and Powell. The vote passed 5-0.

Mayor Proctor duly adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL
SYLVESTER, GEORGIA

HAROLD PROCTOR, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARKESHA BIVENS, CITY CLERK