

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

August 29, 2017

MONTGOMERY CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kirk Jones declared a quorum was present, and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Kirk Jones Mayor
 Jon Bickford Place #1
 T.J. Wilkerson Place #3
 Rebecca Huss Place #4
 Dave McCorquodale Place #5

Absent: John Champagne Place #2

Also Present: Jack Yates City Administrator
 Larry Foerster City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING:

Convene into Public Hearing #2:

Mayor Jones convened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

1. Open forum that allows each citizen present to address the governing body to express their concerns on the proposed tax increase. (Limit of 3 minutes)

Mr. Yates advised that \$.4155 was the tax rate that City Council had discussed during budget workshop sessions and was advertised as the proposed tax rate. Mr. Yates stated that the current split of the tax rates is \$.2043 for maintenance and operations, and \$.2112 for debt service. Mr. Yates advised that City Council felt that the current split would allow for services due to growth in the City. Mr. Yates advised that the effective rate was \$.3660, and the rollover rate was \$.5110. Mr. Yates said that the current tax rate of \$.4155 will bring in \$128,111 more

in revenue than last year. Mayor Jones advised this was the second public hearing regarding the tax rate.

Rebecca Huss stated that it would be good to get on the record that with the devastating storms that have hit other parts of the County, and particularly Harris County, that she personally did not feel that the lack of attendance has been caused by the hurricane here. Rebecca Huss said that Montgomery has had very few road closures and no housing losses, and she thinks that the Montgomery citizens are quite mobile, so the lack of attendance is not storm related. Mayor Jones said that he thought it was normal.

There were no comments made by the public.

Mayor Jones closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.


2. Announcement of the date, time, and place when City Council will adopt the 2017 Tax Rate for the City of Montgomery.

Mr. Yates stated that the tax rate has been scheduled to be adopted at the Regular Meeting to be held on September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Jon Bickford moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. T.J. Wilkerson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Submitted by:


Susan Hensley, City Secretary

Date Approved:

09/12/17





Mayor Kirk Jones