

Milledgeville City Council
Work Session
City Hall – Executive Chambers
119 East Hancock Street
May 8, 2018
5:00 PM

Milledgeville City Council met in a regularly scheduled work session on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Executive Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Mary Parham–Copelan presiding. Members of Council present were Walter Reynolds, Richard Mullins, Jeanette Walden, Collinda J. Lee, Steve Chambers and Denese Shinholster.

Others present were Barry Jarrett, Jimmy Jordan, Bo Danuser, Melba Hilson–Butts, Mervin Graham, Brenda Josey, Felicia Cummings, Frank Baugh, Chiquita Danzy, John Alton, Hank Griffeth, Matt Roessing and Will Slayton.

Mayor Parham–Copelan called the May 8, 2018 Work Session to order at 5:00 PM. The Clerk called roll and a quorum of members of Council was declared present.

Mayor Parham–Copelan turned the meeting over to the City Manager for a report.

City Manager Barry Jarrett discussed the budget, announcing that there would be a public hearing during the meeting. He opened the floor for discussion on the proposed budget.

There was a discussion about the solid waste line item and the fact that \$150,000 would be transferred from solid waste to the general fund.

There was a discussion about funding the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority until they became self-sufficient. Councilwoman Walden asked that the funding not be limited to a specific dollar or time amount but instead be continued until the Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority had begun to generate income with the reopening of the Parham Kitchen and the Kidd Medical Surgical Hospital.

Mrs. Walden also briefly discussed the plans for A PTSD facility at the Veterans Home.

There was a discussion about the “Brunch Bill” that would allow alcohol sales as early as 11AM. There was a brief discussion about putting a referendum on the ballots for a November ballot. There was a discussion about the procedure needed to get the referendum on the ballot.

There was a discussion about increasing the millage rate by 2 mills and that a \$100,000 house would have a taxable valuation of \$40,000 which would generate approximately \$40.00 per mill for an \$80.00 total increase.

There was a discussion about creating a storm water mitigation fee. Mr. Jarrett stated that they were working on establishing fees but needed an engineering firm to look at setting the fees and that it would be months and month away if not at the beginning of next year.

There was a discussion about the Water and Sewer Budget. The budget did not include a rate increase but did include \$50,000 budgeted for a rate study. Mr. Jarrett stated that they wanted to study the entire rate structure looking at industrial, commercial and residential rates as well as rates based on meter size.

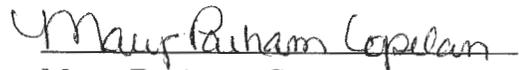
The discussion turned back to property tax increases and water rate increases.

There was a brief discussion about the progress of the Service Delivery Strategy and the meetings with the County.

Account Manager Brenda Josey passed out the monthly financial reports and explained the graphs and how to read them.

Motion Ms. Shinholster, second Mr. Reynold to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 without objection.


Mary Parham-Copelan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bo Danuser, Clerk