

# Minutes


August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:00 pm


## Public Hearing # 2 – Tax Rate and Budget Hearing

1. Call to Order @ 6:00 pm
2. Council Members McDonald, Napoles, Sestito and Harrison were present; Council Whitfill was absent. Quorum was established with Mayor Austin presiding.
3. Open public hearing for citizen testimony on the proposed fiscal year 2019/2020 budget @ 6:00. Mayor Austin asked if either of the two attendees had questions and neither of them did. Council Napoles asked why the meeting notice was not published in the Monitor. Mayor Austin stated that the Athens Review is the City's official newspaper. She added that the notice was also published on the City's website, out front of City Hall in the lock box and on the City's Facebook page. Council Napoles then questioned the increase to line item 5100 for Contract Services. Mayor Austin stated that the increase was to cover the expense of having the new affordable senior housing developments inspected by Bureau Veritas. Council Member Harrison added that was discussed at the Budget meeting on the first. Council Napoles then asked if the effective tax rate was in line with the proposed budget. Mayor Austin said that the proposed budget is based off the rollback rate. Citizen Michael Fladmark asked what happens with the current budget if the ad valorem tax (sales tax) rate is passed. Mayor Austin stated that a budget amendment would be done at that time.
4. Open public hearing for citizen testimony on proposed roll back tax rate of \$0.465434/\$100. Mayor Austin asked if anyone had questions, no one did.
5. Adjourn @ 6:08 pm.

Attest:

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Tawnya Austin, Mayor

  
Makenzie Lyons, City Secretary