

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hembree at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Hembree, Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Hicks, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Meg Avery, Joshua Page and Gary Pirkle. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, Assistant City Manager Troy Besseche and City Clerk Jane Whittington.

Public Hearing #3, 2024 Proposed Millage Rate – Mayor Hembree explained that the City Manager will explain the staff recommendation and current factors. Then Council will have an opportunity to ask questions. The next step will be the public hearing then the Council vote.

The City Manager explained the factors that resulted in a rollback rate of 3.534 mils. Reassessments, new construction and additions to the tax digest have resulted in revenue increases in property taxes. In reviewing the cities around Sugar Hill their millage rates are. The management team is recommending that the city keep the millage rate at 3.69 mils.

The public hearing was opened and Andrew Schultz, 5350 Windswept Trace; James January, 1282 Frontier Dr.; Barbara Dotson, 6098 Eagles Rest Train and Amber Chambers spoke in favor of rolling back the city’s millage rate. Nick Thompson, 117 Timberloss Trail, Suwanee spoke regarding funding the Marshals Department stating they were underfunded and undermarketed.

Council Member Pirkle motioned to roll back the 2024 millage rate and set at 3.5 mils. Council Member Avery seconded the motion. Approved 3-2 with Council Members Avery, Pirkle and Page voting for the motion and Council Members Anderson and Hicks voting against the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LEGAL, REAL ESTATE, PERSONNEL – No Executive Session was held.

PUBLIC ACTION TAKEN OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Pirkle motioned to adjourn. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Approved 5-0.

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk