

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, 9:00 A.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5039 WEST BROAD STREET
SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Hembree called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Mayor Brandon Hembree, Mayor Pro Tem Joshua Page, Council Members Taylor Anderson, Meg Avery, Alvin Hicks and Gary Pirkle. Also present were City Manager Paul Radford, and City Clerk Jane Whittington.

1st Public Hearing 2025 Millage Rate – Mayor Hembree asked the City Manager to summarize the presentation for the millage rate. The City Manager went over the millage and without an increase the rate would be 3.358 mils. The City Council rolled back in both 2023 and 2024 while adding additional homestead exemptions. The legal ads were run according to state law and the staff is recommending keeping the millage rate at 3.5 mils. The Mayor called for any comments from the Council. Council Member Pirkle recommended that the council lower the millage rate to help keep increases as low as possible. The increases in the county digest result in higher tax bills for the taxpayers and keeping the millage rate the same will not offset those increases.

The public hearing was opened and there were no comments from the public, so the hearing was closed. The second hearing will be at 7:30 tonight as part of the Council Meeting agenda.

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

Brandon Hembree, Mayor

Jane Whittington, City Clerk