

**CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FIRST PUBLIC HEARING**  
**2016 MILLAGE RATE AND DIGEST**  
**JULY 28, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

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**CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

The Called Council meeting for the first public hearing of the 2016 Millage Rate and Digest was called to order by Mayor Shan Ash at 6:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Annie Sutton, Bradley Greene, Edward Young, and Nan Bowen.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Annie Sutton, seconded by Edward Young, in favor – Bradley Greene and Nan Bowen and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the agenda for the Called Council Meeting, First Public Hearing of the 2016 Millage Rate and Digest.

**2016 MILLAGE RATE AND DIGEST – PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION**

The Mayor and City Council reviewed the documents for the 2016 Millage Rate. The city has decided to hold three public hearings to retain the millage rate at 5.00 from the rollback rate of 4.963. This is a 3.08% increase to the property tax. The city will receive an increase of \$12,722 in property tax revenues.

The proposed millage rate is needed as a part of the funding for the operations of the Cleveland General Fund, which includes, police, fire, streets, court, city park, city shop, and administration. The proposed millage rate will also reduce the city's use of fund reserves to balance the budget.

Henrietta Sutton, resident of Cleveland, asked about the millage rate. It was explained the millage is the amount charged to each parcel based on 40% assessed values. A "mill" is one dollar for every thousand dollars at 40% assessment.

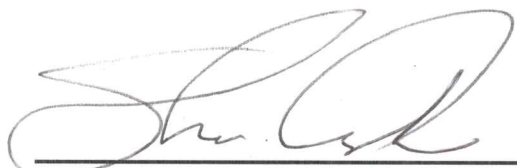
Nadine Wardenga expressed her appreciation of the city doing an awesome job handling the city's finances. Ms. Wardenga stated Cleveland is always compared to other cities, but Cleveland runs in the black and officials treats the city's funding like it is their own. Mayor Ash stated it is due in part to the city department heads watching the budget and being frugal.

Ms. Wardenga added the county cut the fund reserve from the White County Health Department and encouraged the council to preserve the fund reserve.

On motion by Edward Young, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor Bradley Greene and Nan Bowen, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council accepted the first consideration of the 2016 Millage Rate and Digest to increase the millage to 5.00.

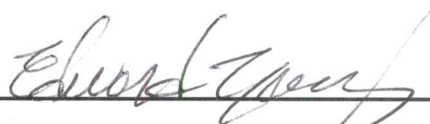
**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Nan Bowen, seconded by Bradley Greene, in favor – Annie Sutton and Edward Young, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the Called City Council Meeting, First Public Hearing 2016 Millage Rate and Digest at 6:10 p.m.



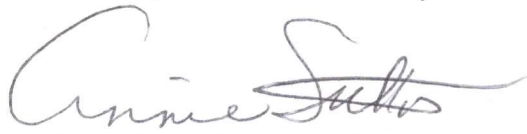
Shan Ash,

Mayor



Edward Young,

Council Member



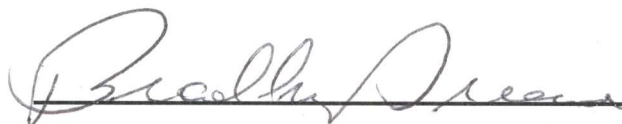
Annie Sutton,

Council Member



Nan Bowen,

Council Member



Bradley Greene,

Council Member

Attest:



Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

