

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
2019 MILLAGE RATE AND TAX DIGEST
ADOPTION
JULY 25, 2019**

CALLED COUNCIL MEETING

The Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cleveland was called to order by Mayor Shan Ash at 9:26 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Nan Bowen, Annie Sutton, Kevin Stanley, and Bradley Greene.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Annie Sutton, in favor – Nan Bowen and Kevin Stanley and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to approve the agenda for the Called Council Meeting of July 25, 2019.

2019 MILLAGE RATE AND DIGEST – ADOPTION

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor Nan Bowen and Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously by the City Council, the following resolution was approved and adopted and authorization was given to Mayor Ash to sign the appropriate documents to submit to the White County Tax Commissioner's Office and the State of Georgia.

**CITY OF CLEVELAND, GEORGIA
AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE 2019 MILLAGE RATE FOR
THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, GEORGIA,
TO LEVY THE SAME, AND TO ROLLBACK SAID MILLAGE
RESOLUTION 2019-07**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Georgia Code Section 48-8-80, et seq., a joint county and municipal sales and use tax was instituted in White County, Georgia, and the municipalities located therein; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to Georgia Code Section 48-8-80 et seq., all revenue realized by White County and the participating municipalities located therein from said sales and use tax shall be applied against the local tax rate structures in such a way as to reduce the net amounts of the total ad valorem tax bills in White County; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council of Cleveland held three public hearings for citizen input of the increase in the millage rate July 18, 2019 9:00 a.m.; July 18, 2019 6:00 p.m.; and July 25, 2019 9:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the millage rate for the City of Cleveland for 2019 is 6.00; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland, an incorporated municipality, shall receive a 10.00 mill roll-back for the local options sales tax; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the roll-back, the millage rate for the City of Cleveland shall be reduced by 10.00 mills, leaving a net millage rate of 6.00 for 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, UPON MOTION BEING DULY MADE AND SECONDED, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Cleveland Mayor and City Council hereby sets a net millage rate of 6.00 mills for the 2019 tax year on all taxable property in the incorporated areas of the City of Cleveland.

ADOPTED this 25 day of July, 2019.

2019 MILLAGE RATE AND DIGEST –ADOPTION – continued

Mayor Ash informed he was not going to sign the resolution or the required paperwork stating his right to wait three-days before making a decision. Connie Tracas, City Clerk, informed the option to wait three-days is available to the Mayor but the motion was unanimously approved and the millage rate would go into effect in three days without the Mayor's signature. Mayor Ash asked for clarification.

Grant Keene, City Attorney, referred to the City Charter, Division 3. Ordinance, Section 2-747 Effective Date which reads:

Except as otherwise provided by any ordinance or state law:

- 1) All ordinances or resolutions not approved by the mayor shall be effective three days after passage thereof.
- 2) If the mayor files his reasons for not approving the ordinance or resolution, it shall become effective when a majority of the council again votes in favor of it.

Mayor Ash stated he was not going to file a reason for not approving the resolution and did not want the council to have a meeting because of his decision.

The City Council felt it would be in the city's best interest to schedule a called meeting after the three-day period. A meeting will be held Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to finalize the 2019 Millage Rate.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Bradley Greene, seconded by Kevin Stanley, in favor – Nan Bowen and Annie Sutton, and carried unanimously, the Mayor and Council voted to adjourn the Called City Council Meeting, Adoption 2019 Millage Rate and Tax Digest at 9:35 a.m.

Not present to sign

Shan Ash,

Mayor

Kevin Stanley,

Council Member

Nan Bowen,

Council Member

Bradley Greene,

Council Member

Annie Sutton,

Council Member

Attest:

Connie Tracas,

City Clerk

Approved by City Council August 5, 2019

