

City Hall
Council Chambers
September 2, 2020

The special called meeting of the Mayor and Council was held at the Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.

Mayor Phil Best called the meeting to order. Council members Bill Brown, Bennie Jones, Gerald Smith, Paul Griggs, Chris Smith, and Jerry Davis were present. Councilman Curtis Edwards was absent. Councilman Brown gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RIVERVIEW GOLF COURSE

City Manager Jones stated that staff's recommendation was to issue the RFP.

Councilman Jones asked if the historical preservation would be protected if a RFP was issued.

City Manager Jones stated that the City would still be responsible for the Emory Thomas Auditorium.

City Manager Jones stated that one the RFPs are reviewed then staff would provide Council with the information for further review and decisions.

Councilman Griggs made a motion to issue the RFP and seconded by Councilman Gerald Smith the motion carried 5/0.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE 2021 MILLAGE RATE ASSESSMENT

Council was presented with the 2021 millage rate assessment options. There was a increase in the tax digest. Finance Director Blake Daniels provided Council with the CARES Act (federal reimbursement) amounts: Round 1 Phase 1 was received in the amount of \$249,400 and Round 1 Phase 2 has been approved in the amount of \$518,333.61 which will be a total of \$831,333.61. Finance Director Daniels stated that this will not change the approved budget.

Mayor Best stated that in the past there was benefit in a increase in the digest because it meant that property value increased.

Councilman Gerald Smith asked if Council needed to still approve a millage rate increase?

Finance Director Daniels stated that the increase in the millage rate was budgeted, however the City didn't anticipate any federal aid.

Councilman Brown stated that right now there is a lot of uncertainly and what ifs, however council needs to be prepared next year to make a hard decision if need be.

Councilman Davis stated that it needs to be publicized that the reason we are not increasing the rate is to benefit the