

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

June 11, 2009  
6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Ed Rieker, Mayor  
Sandra Varian, Mayor Pro tem  
Lyda Steadman, Commissioner

**Members Absent:** Michael Payne, Commissioner  
David Milliron, Commissioner

**Staff Present:** Clai Brown, City Manager  
Juliette Sims, City Clerk

*Item No. 1:* Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rieker.

*Item No. 2:* Adoption of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Mayor Pro tem Varian, seconded by Commissioner Steadman, passed with all ayes (3-0).

*Item No. 3:* 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance to Provide for 2009 Tax Millage Rate

City Manager Brown read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance to Provide for 2009 Tax Millage Rate.

Mayor Rieker noted that this is the first of three readings to set the millage rate for taxes for this year and it will remain at 11.0 which is the same as last year. Mayor Rieker noted that the City will start the budget process in June/July of this year.

City Manager Brown noted that they have already started the budget process.

Commissioner Steadman gave an update on the Homeowners Tax Relief Grant. Commissioner Steadman noted that in early 2000 the State of Georgia gave all homeowners a homestead exemption of \$8000 to all properties with homestead and this year they have pulled that which means residents' taxes will go up about \$340 to \$360 this year.

City Manager Brown noted that the reassessment went down \$725,000 but the revaluation which is all new construction (new houses) went up 2.2 million.

*Item No. 4:* Public Comment

Julie Feely, 2 Dartmouth Avenue spoke about the data errors with the revaluation the county did.

*Item No. 5:* Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. was made by Commissioner Steadman, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Varian, passed with all ayes (3-0).

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009

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Ed Rieker, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Juliette Sims-Owens, City Clerk