

The City of Pelham

MINUTES OF THE 2023 TAX LEVY

September 14, 2023 –10:00 a.m. – Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor, James Eubanks
Mayor Pro-Tem, Alfred Brown
Council Member Bennett Adams

City Manager, Christian Drake
City Clerk, Lisa Austin

****Council Member Shiver, Council Member Davis, Council Member Brown, and Council Member Robinson, and was absent from the meeting****

1st PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Eubanks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. This is the 1st public hearing held to discuss the 2023 Tax Levy. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss and hear public concerns about the 2023 millage rate.

City Manager Drake explains the council is aiming to adopt a tax rate of 17.0 mills, which is the same rate the city has had for the past two years. Due to an increased tax digest resulting from reassessing local property, this rate will boost city revenues by a projected \$135,424.00. Additionally, it's worth noting that the increase in property value, which contributed to the higher tax revenue, was not unique to Pelham. Rather, it was a statewide mandate. Many areas across the state experienced a similar rise in property values due to reassessments.

City Manager Drake mentioned that if the rate remains at 17 mills, this additional revenue would be used to assist in staffing the fire department and improving its ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating. While its additional revenue would be helpful, Drake also acknowledged that it is only about half of what's needed for the fire department's staffing requirements.

If the Pelham City Schools Board of Education approves an 8.645 mill tax rate, the combined tax rate for city residents for 2023 will be 25.645 mills.

No citizens were present at the meeting with any questions or concerns.

The public hearing was declared closed at 10:07 p.m. by Mayor Eubanks.