

**CITY OF MACCLENNY**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE BUDGET**  
**& PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE**  
**September 13, 2016**  
**5:45 P.M.**

The City Commission met in special session, Tuesday, September 13, 2016 with the following present: Mayor Gary Dopson, City Manager Phil Rhoden, Commissioners Mark Bryant, Sam Kitching, Cecil Horne Jr, Danny Norton, and Council Secretary Deanna Dinkins.

Commissioner Horne opened the meeting with prayer, followed by a pledge to the United States Flag.

Mayor Dopson stated that the purpose of this meeting is for the taxing authority to amend and adopt the tentative budget, re-compute its proposed millage rate, and publicly announce the percent, if any, by which the re-computed proposed millage exceeds the rolled-back rate. The proposed millage rate of 3.6000 is less than the rolled-back rate of 3.6023 mills by .06 percent.

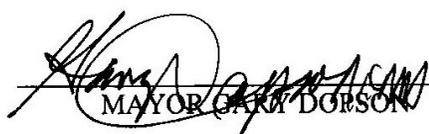
Mayor Dopson asked Manager Rhoden to begin the 2016-2017 budget discussion. Manager Rhoden pointed out two changes in the budget, which were discussed at the first budget meeting. Funding in the amount of \$5,000 was added to Office: Other Current Charges for Northeast Florida Community Action Agency. Public Safety: Other Current Charges was also increased \$8,500 to be paid to the County for animal control services. The Chairman of the County Commissioners discussed this with the City Manager and asked for \$17,000 but there has been no written request. Mayor Dopson stated we paid our own animal control for years, and when we joined forces with the County, we paid half (about \$8,500) and the County paid half. The issue of taxes was brought up and the County agreed to take over all animal control. The \$8,500 brings us back to where we once were. There was brief discussion about whether to leave this in the budget or remove it since we have not officially heard back from the County. Mayor Dopson recommended leaving this amount in the budget at the discretion of the City Manager.

Mayor Dopson read Resolution #16-08, a resolution of the City of Macclenny, of Baker County, Florida, adopting the tentative levy of ad valorem taxes for Baker County for fiscal year 2016-17 at a millage rate of 3.6000. The Council and audience had no questions. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve Resolution #16-08 and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. There were no questions. Voting was unanimous. Motion carried at 5:50 p.m.

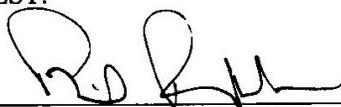
Mayor Dopson read Resolution #16-09, a resolution of the City of Macclenny, adopting the tentative budget of \$7,686,166 for the fiscal year of 2016-17. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approved Resolution #16-09 and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. There were no questions. Voting was unanimous. Motion carried at 5:55 p.m.

With no further business to come before the board, the budget meeting was adjourned.



  
MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST:

  
CITY MANAGER/ CLERK PHIL RHODEN