

**CITY OF MACCLENNY**  
**PUBLIC HEARING ON FINAL BUDGET**  
**& MILLAGE RATE**  
**September 27, 2016**  
**5:45 P.M.**

The City Commission met in special session, Tuesday, September 27, 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 Bryant 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 final budget and 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.

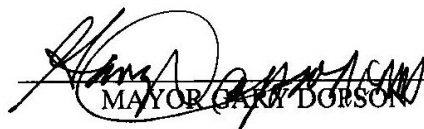
Mayor Dopson read Resolution #16-10, a resolution of the City of Macclenny, of Baker County, Florida, adopting the final levy of ad valorem taxes for Baker County for fiscal year 2016-17 at a millage rate of 3.6000. The Council and audience had no questions. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approve Resolution #16-10 and was seconded by Commissioner Norton. There were no questions. Voting was unanimous. Motion carried at 5:48 p.m.

Mayor Dopson read Resolution #16-11, a resolution of the City of Macclenny, adopting the final budget of \$7,686,166 for the fiscal year of 2016-17. Commissioner Kitching made a motion to approved Resolution #16-11 and was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. There were no questions. Voting was unanimous. Motion carried at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Dopson stated the County is giving a three percent raise to their employees, and he applauds them for doing so. Due to the infrastructure needs, the cuts made to the Sheriff's budget, and CSX gravity sewer repairs there were too many things to consider to budget a salary increase this fiscal year. The employees deserve an increase, and have only received one three percent increase in the past seven or eight years. That does not keep up with inflation, but it is the best we can do right now. Mayor Dopson asked the City Manager and staff as we move through the next year to keep the possibility of an increase in the back of our minds for next year. He concluded by saying as good of employees as we have we need to try and at least keep up with the cost of living and we are not doing that right now.

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



  
MAYOR GARY DOPSON

ATTEST:

  
CITY MANAGER/ CLERK PHIL RHODEN