

December 17, 2015

Special Called Meeting

The Mayor and Council had a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2015, 7:00 a.m. at City Hall, 4 Homer Street.

Present: Mayor Richard Presley, Councilmembers Scott Harper, Junior Hardy, Kathy Bush, City Administrator/City Clerk Barbara Thomas. Councilmember Charlie Howington was not present.

Mayor Presley opened the meeting with comments on the 2015 Mill rate. There was no comment or questions asked on the mill rate for both Jackson County at (0.69) and Banks County at (0.51). A motion was made by Councilmember Junior Hardy, seconded by Councilmember Kathy Bush to approve the 2015 Mill Rate for both counties. Motion carried.

Mayor Presley asked if there was any questions on the 2016 proposed budget for the city. No questions or comments were received. A motion was made by Councilmember Scott Harper, seconded by Councilmember Kathy Bush to approve the budget for the General Fund of \$642,730.00 and Water and Sewer of \$737,600.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Presley asked if there was any questions on the water (10%) and sewer (10%) rate increase as proposed by Chip McGaughey of EMI. With no questions or comments being made a motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Bush, seconded by Councilmember Scott Harper to approve the increase to be effective on the February 1, 2016 water and sewer bill. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kathy Bush, seconded by Councilmember Scott Harper to approve additional expense for EMI testing samples to be billed separately in lieu of being included in the monthly fee of \$3,050.00. This fee will be approximately \$410.00 a month. The vote was 2 to 1 with Councilmember Junior Hardy voting against the additional cost and Councilmember Scott Harper and Councilmember Kathy Bush voting for the additional fee of \$410.00 per month. Copy of fees attached with minutes.

Mayor Presley asked that a motion be made to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Councilmember Scott Harper, seconded by Councilmember Kathy Bush to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 a.m...

Barbara Thomas

January 4, 2016

Certified by:

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