

ROME CITY COMMISSION

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Thursday, July 14, 2022

The Rome City Commission met at 10:00 a.m. this date for a Special Called Meeting in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, 601 Broad Street. Mayor Stevenson presided with Mayor Pro Tem Cochran and Commissioners Bojo, McDaniel, Doss, Quick, and Askew present. Commissioners Beeman and Collins were absent.

2022 Tax Mill Rate – Public Hearing #2

City Manager Rich reported that the Finance Committee has recommended that the City of Rome adopt a 2022 Tax Rate in the total amount of 27.276. This is a decrease from the 2021 Tax Rate of 27.427. The proposal is to lower the City M & O rate from 8.15 to 8.0. The proposal is to keep Rome’s Capital Project rate at 1.826 and the City School rate at 17.45. Since this lowered rate is not at the “rollback rate”, a tax increase is occurring.

Mayor Stevenson called a public hearing to order. There was no one to speak in favor or opposition of the proposed millage rate and the public hearing was closed.

The third and final public hearing along with the public hearing to adopt the millage rate will take place at the July 25, 2022, City Commission Meeting.

Network Upgrade for Security Camera Systems

Manager Rich explained that the City of Rome is installing upgraded security cameras at various locations around the City. As a result of this increase demand, our camera network needs to be upgraded. This matter was discussed at the General Administration Committee and their recommendation was to approve funding for this network upgrade.

Mr. Rich explained he would like to use approximately \$200,000 from the City of Rome’s ARPA funds to accomplish this goal. Mr. Rich further stated that some funding previously earmarked for housing incentives (but unused) could be transferred for this purpose. This increased network capability will serve for operation of our camera system and for other purposes. Commission Cochran encouraged Mr. Rich to ensure our server and other vital computer equipment are in well protected areas, including protection from weather disasters.

Commissioner Doss moved to approve the funding for the network upgrade as discussed. Commissioner Quick seconded and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Adjourn

With there being no further business, Mayor Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Joseph F. Smith
City Clerk