

CITY OF JONESBORO
PUBLIC HEARING-TAX MILLAGE MINUTES
170 SOUTH MAIN STREET
OCTOBER 3rd, 2011 - 2:00 p.m.

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a public hearing on Monday, October 3rd, 2011. The hearing was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in the Jonesboro Police Department, 170 South Main Street.

Council Present: Luther Maddox - Mayor
Clarence Mann - Councilmember
Roger Grider - Councilmember
Wallace Norrington - Councilmember
Pat Sebo - Councilmember
Bobby Wiggins - Councilmember
Joe Compton - Councilmember

Staff Present: Janice Truhan - City Clerk.

Mayor Maddox called the Public Hearing to order at 2:00 p.m.

Public Hearing (2nd) in a series of three, regarding the tentative adoption of a millage.

Public Comments:

Ms. Turner stated that no one signs up to talk because the Council has already decided how they are going to vote. Ms. Turner stated that she is here for the same reasons as before. I don't want my taxes raised. "You should run with the money you had. I worked hard to get you elected. I backed Councilmember Norrington, Mayor Maddox and Councilmember Sebo against raising taxes. Why don't you listen to the people? I go to places and ask why they don't come to the meetings. People are afraid of you. You really have the interest of city at heart but you are not showing it. We will work hard to get you out of office. I will be back at 6:00 p.m."

Nancy Coffman confessed that she agrees with Ms. Turner. She asked Councilmember Sebo if she had talked to any businesses. The people are paying bills with a charge cards, trust funds, and scholarships. How are we going to pay? I hear it from all the businesses and I am sure you hear it. Councilmember Sebo stated that the business owners do not express the same concerns. Ms. Coffman re-iterated that she feels Ms. Turner is right, the people are afraid to voice their opinion. At least lower it to one mill. I want to thank the ones that have got out and said come to the meetings. We moan and groan but we need to cut the budget. You can cut personnel and cut the budget. We are at the end of our rope. You need to listen to the people. You work for the people that elected you.

Mayor Maddox advised that Ms. Coffman was the last one signed up to speak.

Luther W. Maddox, Mayor

Janice Truhan, City Clerk