

Final Budget Hearing Minutes
September 17, 2024
5:01 pm

Mayor Roberts called the City of Starke Final Budget Hearing to order at 5:01 pm.

Members attending included Mayor Scott Roberts, Commissioner Danny Nugent, Commissioner Andy Redding and Commissioner Shannon Smith. Also present were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby, Deputy Clerk Lisa Heeder and Finance Director James Hughes. Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer was absent.

Mayor Roberts said on the agenda we have to consider the 2024-2025 millage rate and budget. The first issue to discuss is the proposed millage rate. Mr. Crosby said the proposed final millage rate is 4.3879 mills. The City of Starke's proposed final millage rate of 4.3879 mills represents a 4.5507% decrease below the rolled-back rate of 4.5971 mills. Mayor Roberts said does anyone from the public have any comments regarding the proposed final millage? There were none. Does any Commissioners have any comments regarding the proposed final millage? There were none. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-52 setting the final millage as 4.3879 mills. Commissioner Nugent made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-52 adopting the millage rate. It was seconded by Commissioner Redding. Mayor Roberts asked if there was any further discussion? There was none. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Roberts said the second issue to be discussed is the proposed final budget. Mr. Crosby said the proposed final budget is composed of the following expenditures and reserve totals: General Fund \$7,304,928, Special Reserve Funds \$1,579,666, Enterprise Funds \$34,412,424 for a total proposed budget of \$43,297,018. The proposed final budget total operating expenses are 6.04% more than last year's total operating expenses. Mayor Roberts said does anyone from the public have any comments regarding the proposed final budget? There were none. Does any Commissioners have any comments regarding the proposed final budget? There were none. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-53 adopting the final budget consisting of the following expenditures and reserve totals: General Fund \$7,304,928, Special Revenue Funds \$1,579,666, Enterprise Funds \$34,412,424 for a total approved budget of \$43,297,018. Mayor Roberts said this concludes our millage rate and budget hearing. Commissioner Redding said we need a motion and a second. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Redding. The motion passed 4-0. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to adjourn the hearing. Commissioner Redding made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.