

Final Budget Hearing Minutes
September 23, 2025
5:01 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Members in attendance included Mayor Andy Redding, Commissioner Bob Milner, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent and Commissioner Scott Roberts. Also in attendance were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder, Finance Director James Hughes, Grants Coordinator Becky May and City Manager Drew Mullins.

Mayor Redding reminded the commission that only the millage and budget is to be discussed during this meeting. The first issue to be discussed was the proposed final millage. Mr. Mullins said the proposed final millage is 4.3879 mills and the City of Starke's proposed final millage rate of 4.3879 mills is a 5.3037% increase over the roll ed-back rate of 4.1669 mills. Mayor Redding said this maintains the same rate as the city had last year. He asked if there were any comments from the public regarding the proposed final millage rate. There were none. Mayor Redding asked if there were any comments from the commission regarding the proposed final millage rate. There were none. He entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-48 setting the final millage rate as 4.3879. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding said next was the proposed final budget. Mr. Mullins said the proposed final budget is composed of the following expenditures and reserve totals: General Fund \$8,590,628, Special Revenue Funds \$1,880,697, Enterprise Funds \$43,623,937 for a total approved budget of \$54,095,262. Mr. Mullins said the proposed budget's total operating expenses are 24.9% more than last year's total operating expenses. Mayor Redding asked if there were any comments from the public regarding the proposed final budget. There were none. He asked if there were any comments or questions from the c ommission regarding the proposed final budget. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2025-49 adopting the final budget consisting of the following expenditures and reserve totals: General Fund \$8,590,628, Special Revenue Funds \$1,880,697, Enterprise Funds \$43,623,937 for a total approved budget of \$54,095,262. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-49. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding concluded the Budget Hearing at 5:04 pm.