

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: JERRY D. ROSEBERRY, MAYOR; COUNCILMEMBERS: JIM WINDHAM; SARAH DAVIS;
GEORGE HOLT; LYN PACE**

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Schwartz, City Manager; Lauran Willis, City Clerk; Dave Harvey, Police Chief; Hoyt Oliver, Mike Ready, John Devine, Nina Kelly, Robert Jordan

The meeting was called to order by the Hon. Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor

Mayor Roseberry announced this Special Called Meeting for the purpose of adopting the 2014 Millage at the Rollback rate of 7.571. Mayor Roseberry – Based on the Computation of Millage Rate Rollback and percentage increase in Property taxes from Newton County Tax Commissioner the 2014 Millage Rate is 7.850 with a Rollback rate of 7.571.

The meeting was opened for any citizen comments or questions.

Hoyt Oliver – I think the property tax in Oxford is too low.

Jim Windham - I agree with Mr. Oliver, I am seeing a steady decline in the city tax base. According to the figures we have about a 30% loss over the last five years.

Mayor Roseberry – A large part of the decrease is due to the Homestead Exemption passed in 2011 were we dropped 15% which we knew of as a result of the Homestead Exemption.

George Holt - With our small tax base we would need to raise taxes to make any difference. We need to be very conservative with what we decide to do.

There being no further comments or questions. Mayor Roseberry called for motion to set the 2014 Millage at the Rollback rate of 7.571.

A Motion was made by Holt, seconded by Windham to approve the 2014 Millage at the Rollback rate of 7.571. The vote was 5 in favor, with 2 absent councilmembers (Terry Smith and David Eady), the motion carried.

A Motion was made by Windham, seconded by Pace to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:04. The vote was 5 in favor, with 2 absent councilmembers (Terry Smith and David Eady), the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauran Willis
City Clerk