



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, August 3, 2020 – 7:00 PM  
VIA TELECONFERENCE AND BROADCAST AT CITY HALL**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Eady, Mayor; Councilmembers: Jeff Wearing, Laura McCanless, George Holt, James Windham

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Avis Williams, Lynn Bohanan

**Staff/Appointed members present:** City Manager Matt Pepper, City Clerk/Treasurer Marcia Brooks, City Attorney David Strickland, Associate Clerk Melissa Pratt, Utilities Superintendent Jody Reid, Police Chief Dave Harvey

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Art Vinson, Laurie Vinson, Michael McQuaide, Rev. Charlie Williams (Mt. Zion First Baptist Church), Dr. Laklieshia Izzard, Laura Gafnea (Oxford College), Barbara Cole, Monique Carter, Tom Spigolon (Covington News)

The public hearing was called to order at 7:02 PM by the Hon. David Eady, Mayor. Mayor Eady stated that the City is proposing the same millage rate as the previous three years. Keeping the millage rate the same as previous years results in a tax increase due to increased property valuations in 2020.

Art Vinson asked if it is possible to discern the effect of the property tax increase on the number of taxable units and the increase in their value. Mayor Eady explained the 5-year history which shows the changes over the past five years. In 2020 the gross digest increased by about \$2 million dollars. Net taxes levied increased by \$13,642 which is an increase of 10.56% over 2019.

James Windham asked if the effect on the median property value for Oxford is known. George Holt stated there should be an across-the-board increase of 10.56% on every property in Oxford.

**Jeff Wearing made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. George Holt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 5/0).**

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Brooks  
City Clerk/Treasurer

## CURRENT 2020 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

The Mayor and Council of the City of Oxford do hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held via teleconference on August 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM. A link will be posted on the city's website for those interested in joining the public hearing via the internet. To join via telephone, please call 1-646-558-8656. The access code is 930 9746 0092. The password is 730536. The teleconference for the public hearing will also be broadcast live at City of Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark Street. Pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A., 48-5-32, the Mayor and Council do hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CITY OF OXFORD	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Real & Personal	15,735,874	16,421,373	18,334,025	20,285,798	22,155,784	24,368,394
Motor Vehicles	1,981,300	1,438,080	1,088,540	824,640	729,820	593,120
Mobile Homes	502	480	480	480	480	480
Timer-100%		7,950				
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	17,717,676	17,867,883	19,423,045	21,110,918	22,886,084	24,961,994
Less M&O Exemptions	3,309,308	3,285,364	3,302,207	3,270,355	3,369,150	3,385,009
Net M&O Digest	14,408,368	14,582,519	16,120,838	17,840,563	19,516,934	21,576,985
Gross M&O Millage	26.17	25.77	23.20	22.71	22.86	23.61
Less Rollbacks	18.41	18.53	16.58	16.09	16.24	16.99
Net M&O Millage	7.76	7.23	6.62	6.62	6.62	6.62
Net Taxes Levied	\$111,809	\$105,432	\$106,752	\$118,140	\$129,241	\$142,883
Net Taxes \$ Increase	-\$4,883	-\$6,377	\$1,321	\$11,388	\$11,101	\$13,642
Net Taxes % Increase	-4.18%	-5.70%	1.25%	10.67%	9.40%	10.56%