

**CITY OF BERKELEY LAKE
COUNCIL MEETING
4040 SOUTH BERKELEY LAKE ROAD
BERKELEY LAKE, GEORGIA 30096
FULL MINUTES
JULY 16, 2020**

ATTENDANCE

Mayor: Lois Salter

Council Members: Rodney Hammond, Scott Lee, Chip McDaniel, Bob Smith, Rebecca Spitler

City Officials: Tom Rozier - City Administrator, Leigh Threadgill - Deputy City Administrator,

Constance Hughes – Deputy City Clerk, Richard Carothers – Attorney

Members of the Public: 0

Members of the Press: 0

WORK SESSION

The mayor and council reviewed the meeting agenda and materials with staff.

CALL TO ORDER

Salter called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM via conference call. A quorum of council members was in attendance.

Salter: Our meeting is being held tonight by public conference call due to COVID-19 virus social distancing requirements. The council members and I are participating in the call with video capabilities in case anyone wonders how I am interpreting their voting tonight. In order to ensure that members of the public have access to this meeting, an advertisement was placed in the newspaper of record for Gwinnett County; a notice was placed at the front door of city hall; and a link was placed on the city website regarding the meeting. All of which included instructions for dialing into the meeting via telephone. For any members of the public in attendance, please dial star-six to mute your line to prevent ambient noise if you are not speaking as part of the meeting. To un-mute your line to speak, press star-six again.

AGENDA

Salter solicited motions regarding the agenda.

Lee made a motion to accept the agenda as submitted. Spitler seconded the motion. All council members were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) R-20-2 Resolution to Set 2020 Millage Rate to 1.755 Mills

There were no comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Salter noted the following as items on the consent agenda and solicited a motion:

- a) Minutes of June 18, 2020 Council Meeting
- b) Financial Reports: May 2020
- c) Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County for Monitoring Required by the North Georgia Metro Water District
- d) Public Works: Contract Change Order – Task Order 6 – Road Resurfacing, etc. Project – Decrease by \$25,749.51

Hammond made a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Lee seconded the motion.

Spitler lost connectivity to the conference call.

Salter noted that a quorum of council members remained and proceeded with the meeting.

All remaining council members were in favor and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) R-20-2 Resolution to Set 2020 Millage Rate to 1.755 Mills

Rozier: You have before you a recommended millage rate of 1.755 mills for the year 2020. The recommended rate is equal to the rollback rate. As an example, for a home with a fair market value of \$400,000 in 2019, the city property tax was \$302.24. For a home of the same value in 2020, the tax will be \$280.80, which represents a 7.09% reduction in taxes year to year. The citizen Finance Committee unanimously supports the recommended rate.

McDaniel made a motion to adopt R-20-2, a resolution to levy an ad valorem tax for the calendar year of 2020 at the rate of 1.755 mills on all property subject to taxation in the City of Berkeley Lake. Smith seconded the motion. All remaining council members were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Spitler regained connectivity to the conference call.

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Hammond moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Salter adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Submitted by:

Tom Rozier
City Clerk