

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBER AT CITY HALL, September 11, 2014, at 5:01P.M.

The following were present: Mayor Magidson, Commissioners Buzzett, McCroan and Patterson. City Manager Jim Anderson, City Clerk Charlotte Pierce, Financial Analyst Mike Lacour, and City Attorney Tom Gibson were also present. Commissioner Thursbay was absent due to medical appointments.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was Ordinance 508 – 2014 / 2015 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing and First Reading as well as Ordinance 509 – 2014 / 2015 Budget Public Hearing and First Reading.

No one from the public spoke on Ordinance 508.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Buzzett, second by Commissioner Patterson, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 508. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 508 in its entirety. The Ad Valorem property tax millage rate for municipal purposes to be levied on the taxable property within the City limits of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida during the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2015, is set at the rate of 3.5914 mills. The percentage by which this millage rate to be levied is less than the rolled-back rate of 3.6195 mills (computed pursuant to Florida law) is -.78%.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to publish Ordinance 508. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson noted that Line Item Budgets for the FY 2014 – 2015 Budget had been distributed and that the budget included funds to hire an employee as the City will be providing maintenance for City parks.

No one from the public spoke on Ordinance 509.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Patterson, second by Commissioner McCroan, to have the First Reading of Ordinance 509 by Title only. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Attorney Gibson read Ordinance 509 by Title only.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Buzzett, to publish Ordinance 509. All in Favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Anderson noted that the Final Public Hearing and adoption of the 2014 – 2015 Budget will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Buzzett congratulated Staff on the wonderful job they have done putting the budget together, commended his fellow Commissioners for doing what has been done to keep the budget where it is and noted that a great job had been done by department heads to keep the budget in line.

Commissioner McCroan noted that the Commission had been able to hold the line on the budget that hard decisions had been made and unfortunately, one of those was no raises for employees. He also thanked everyone involved for their work on the budget.

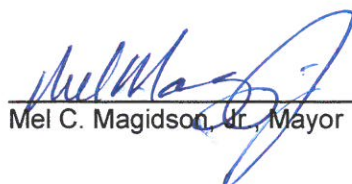
Mayor Magidson shared that the City has great employees who work hard, save money for the City and he anticipates an increase in the budget soon as indicators are the future is brighter than the past.

Commissioner Patterson felt the Staff had done a wonderful job and he hopes to be able to give raises soon.

A Motion was made by Commissioner McCroan, second by Commissioner Patterson, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:15 P.M.

Approved this 16th day of September 2014.


Charlotte M. Pierce, City Clerk


Mel C. Magidson, Jr., Mayor