

# CITY OF POLK CITY

## BUDGET HEARING

September 24, 2008

Polk City Government Center  
123 Broadway Blvd

7:30 P.M.

### MINUTES

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Mayor Donald L. Penton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mayor Penton.

#### ROLL CALL

**Interim City Clerk Pam Peterson**

Mayor Donald Penton, Vice Mayor Denico, Councilor Adorno, Councilor Ames, Councilor Eilertsen. Also present were City Manager Cory Carrier and Interim City Clerk Pam Peterson.

A quorum was declared present.

The meeting was then turned over to City Manger Carrier.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

City Manager Carrier announced that pursuant to Florida Statute Ordinances shall be read in full.

**1. ORDINANCE 1241 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVYING OF ADVALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF POLK CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

City Manager Carrier read Ordinance 1241 in its entirety. The millage rate is 6.7425, which is greater than the roll-back rate of 6.6297 by 1.7009 percent.

At this time Mayor Penton opened the Public Hearing. Mayor Penton advised the actual millage rate did not go up; it is the same as last year. City Manager Carrier then explained the roll-back rate. Several citizens spoke: Mr. Blethen and Mr. Harrison addressed the Council regarding the millage rate and the amount of increase from last year's budget.

The Public Hearing was closed. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Denico to accept Ordinance 1241. The motion was seconded by Councilor Eilertsen.

Roll Call: Vice Mayor Denico-aye, Mayor Penton-aye, Councilor Adorno-aye, Councilor Eilertsen-aye, Councilor Ames-aye.

5-ayes

0-nays

**2. ORDINANCE 1242 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

City Manager Carrier read Ordinance 1242 in its entirety; the total budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is \$3,576,501.

Mayor Penton opened the Public Hearing. At this time Mr. Gibson approached the podium and asked several questions pertaining to the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (particularly salaries). City Manager Carrier and the Council addressed the questions and concerns that were presented. Mr. Harrison also addressed the Commission.

Mayor Penton closed the Public Hearing. City Manager Carrier was asked about the budget for contractors; City Manager advised she is dealing with that issue; however, it will reduce the budget and any reductions would go into reserves. A motion was made by Councilor Adorno to accept Ordinance 1242.

Roll Call: Councilor Eilertsen-aye, Councilor Ames-aye, Councilor Adorno-aye, Mayor Penton-aye, Vice Mayor Denico-aye.

5-ayes  
0-nays

Mayor Penton advised upon adjournment of the Budget Hearing, the Council would move into the regular city meeting. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Denico to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Eilertsen seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mayor Penton –aye, Vice Mayor Denico-aye, Councilor Adorno-aye, Councilor Ames-aye, Councilor Eilertsen-aye.

5-ayes  
0-nays.

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Interim City Clerk Pam Peterson

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Mayor Donald L. Penton