

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 23, 2013

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Sheandolen Dunn

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Mike Blethen, Councilor Trudy Block, Councilor Don Kimsey, Councilor Keith Prestage, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE 2013-1305 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF POLK CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading.

City Attorney Cloud read Ordinance 2013-1305 by title only and opened the Public Hearing; there being no questions or comments, Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Councilor Blethen to approve the Ad Valorem rate of 8.6547; this motion was seconded by Councilor Kimsey.

Councilor Block shared her thoughts regarding why the Ad Valorem rate should be lowered to 8.4047.

City Manager Jackson responded by lowering the millage rate, the revenue to Polk City will be lowered.

Councilor Prestage commented by not raising the rates this year is also a benefit to the citizens of Polk City. It can certainly be evaluated again next year.

Discussion ensued.

Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Kimsey-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Councilor Block-nay, Councilor Prestage – aye

Motioned carried 4/1; Councilor Block voted no.

ORDINANCE 2013-1306 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014, PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading.

City Attorney Cloud read Ordinance 2013-1306 by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the public hearing; there being no questions or comments, Mayor LaCascia closed the public hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Blethen to approve Ordinance 2013-1306; motion was seconded by Councilor Kimsey.

Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Kimsey-aye, Vice Mayor Blethen-aye, Councilor Block-aye, Councilor Prestage – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:18 pm

Patricia Jackson, City Manager

Joe LaCascia, Mayor