

Town of Lee
Budget-Second and Final Public Hearing
Minutes
September 25, 2023

Mayor: James C. Ruzicka
Council President: Joyce Bethea
Council: Ronnie Bass, Diane Beck, Erika Robinson, Edwin McMullen
Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett
Attorney: Rhett Bullard- Absent
Absent: Joyce Bethea

Mayor Ruzicka called the 2nd/Final Public Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

At this hearing, the issue discussed will be the percentage increase or decrease in millage over or below the rolled- back rate needed to fund the budget, if any.

- The rolled- back rate is 6.3916 mills.
- The tentative millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate by 17.3 percent.
- The tentative budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$1,220,813.00

Tim Murphy, a resident of Lee, spoke that he wish more people had showed up and that he appreciated anything the council could do to keep the millage rate down.

Mayor Ruzicka publicly announced the following:

- Name of the taxing authority is: Town of Lee
- The rolled-back rate is: 6.3916 mills
- The tentative millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate by 17.3 percent.
- The millage rate to be levied is: 7.5000 mills

1st is the adoption of the millage and the adoption of the Millage Levy Ordinance 2023-01. The tentative millage rate is 7.5000 mills. Mayor Ruzicka read the title of Ordinance 2023-01:

Ordinance 2023-01

An ordinance of the Town of Lee, Florida levying the ad valorem property tax millage rate for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the Town for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, stating the percentage by which the millage to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate; and providing an effective date.

Mayor asked for a vote:

Action Item:

A motion was made to adopt the millage rate of 7.5000 mills and to adopt the Millage Levy Ordinance 2022-01 by Councilman McMullen. Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2nd is the adoption of the budget and the adoption of the Budget Ordinance 2023-02. The tentative budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$1,220,813.00. Mayor Ruzicka read the title of Ordinance 2023-02:

ORDINANCE 2023-02

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LEE OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mayor asked for a vote:

Action Item:

Councilwoman Beck made a motion to adopt the budget of \$1,220,813.00 for the fiscal year 2023-2024 and the Budget Ordinance 2023-02. Councilman Bass seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

James Ruzicka, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sona Hayslett, Town Manager