

BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 1, 2019, 3:30PM

Meeting called to order at 3:30PM by Mayor Christie.

City Clerk Jertson called the roll of Council; Council Members Lloyd, Wozniak, Wilms, Fowler, Flynn and Bourke were all present.

R2019-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND LEVYING THE MILLAGE RATE OF AD VALOREM REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS FOR THE YEAR 2019 TO BE COLLECTED IN 2020.

Mayor Christie read the resolution and stated the discussion about the Millage and how it relates to the budget in terms of projected revenue and expenditures. The Mayor and staff are recommending that the millage remain the same for this year. General Mills at 4.0; Fireman's Pension at 1.0 mills; Policemen's Pension at 0.5 mills.

Discussion was held on what the effect of the internet sales tax is projected to be. It looks like about \$400,000 over a year. Various effects of projects were displayed in 3 spreadsheets that were distributed to the council. Council member Fowler asked if the spreadsheets included the requested increased headcount in employees that was talked about at the last meeting. The mayor stated that they were reflected in the reports as presented.

Council member Steve Bourke asked the Mayor to explain a little more as to the breakdown of the internet sales tax projection of \$400,000. Mayor Christie stated that it is comprised of our share of the county portion and the 1% city sales tax.

After continued discussion Council member Doug Fowler made a motion to approve the Millage as presented. Council member John Flynn seconded the motion. Council member Steve Bourke stated that he thought that what the city had posted on Facebook was not factual. He felt that the statements on Facebook tied the Millage and the water purchase together and it should not have said that. After some discussion it was time to vote.

City Clerk Jertson called the roll of council and the motion was supported unanimously. All six Council members supported the Resolution.

This concluded the meeting and the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 3:56PM.

City Clerk Wayne Jertson

Mayor Peter Christie