Walterboro City Council Special Called Meeting Monday, October 3, 2005

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A Special Called Meeting of Walterboro City Council was held at City Hall on Monday, October 3, 2005 at 11:30 A.M. with Mayor Charles H. Sweat, Jr. presiding.

<u>PRESENT WERE</u>: Mayor Sweat, Council Members: Charles Lucas, Bill Young, Johnnie Thompson, Ted Parker, Franklin Smalls and Mary Anne Cannady. City Manager Tuck McConnell, City Clerk Betty Hudson and City Attorney George Cone were also present.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Sweat called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. Council Member Parker led the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

The Mayor announced that the purpose of the meeting was to change the tax millage rate. A motion was then made by Council Member Young to change the tax millage rate from 95 mils to 78 mils with first reading approval of Ordinance # 2005-09. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. In discussing the motion, Council Member Young stated that at the time we completed the city budget whether the county would institute reassessment was not decided. We completed our budget based on the county not doing reassessment. Now, since they have completed reassessments, we are making some adjustments to reflect the new tax rate. Council Member Cannady added that all those who have already paid their taxes, will now get a refund. Council Member Young clarified that this is on real property. Anyone who has already paid their taxes, will get a refund, and if you have not paid your taxes, you should probably wait until you get your new tax bill because it will reflect a decrease in the amount of taxes owed.

The motion then passed with all members voting in favor.

There being no further business to consider, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Lucas, seconded by Council Member Parker and passed unanimously. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:42 A.M. Notice of this meeting was distributed to all local media and posted on the City Hall bulletin board at least twenty-four hours prior to meeting time.

Respectfully,

Betty J. Hudson City Clerk

Approved October 11, 2005