



ALDERMAN FRED WELCH

JULY PAID BILLS

COMMISSIONER OF MC	4994.96	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHATSWORTH	50.00
KLEEN-A-MATIC	461.72	GA ASSOC CHIEFS POLICE	375.00
KELLER OUTDOOR INC	125.77	C W MATTHEWS CONTRACTING	50716.25
ROBBY G WATKINS	400.00	MICHAEL I SMITH	400.00
GRANT SERVICE COMPANY	2500.00	JUSTIN CALE HAMBY	400.00
ERIC J DUCKETT	400.00	DUSTIN ANDREW WHITENER	320.00
PAT DENSMORE SELF	627.00	KEEP CHATSWORTH MURRAY	2083.34
CHATS/MURRAY HEALTH DEPT	416.67	CHATS/MURRAY LIBRARY	2500.00
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	189.58	COHUTTA BANKING COMPANY	23859.53
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	627.00	WELLS FARGO	380.00
TYSON HAYNES	85.00	CHAPTER 13 STANDING TRUSTEE	249.00
WAYNE GRAVES	30.00	ROBBY G WATKINS	320.00
MICHAEL I SMITH	285.00	JUSTIN CALE HAMBY	285.00
ERIC J DUCKETT	240.00	DUSTIN ANDREW WHITENER	285.00
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GMEBS	10575.08	GSCCCA	3121.65
VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY	1570.59	PEACE OFFICERS A & B FUND	866.35
MC COMMISSIONER - DATE	334.67	DALTON TRUCK INC	567.47
ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	28.67	DALTON JANITORIAL INC	79.62
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	189.58	CHATS WATER WORKS COMM	12176.36
B & B GARAGE	113.99	COHUTTA BANKING COMPANY	24425.29
MURRAY COUNTY JAIL FUND	1191.92	VICTIMS COMP PROBATION	1074.00
COURTWARE SOLUTIONS	949.84	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	627.00
EAGLE PARTS & MACHINERY	25.68	BENNETT FIRE PRODUCTS CO	1645.00
NORTH GEORGIA TIRE	1702.12	OPTICSPLANET INC	209.94
A & H SAFETY SUPPLY	301.65	MURRAY MIX CONCRETE INC	21728.00
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	150.00	CHATSWORTH TIMES	20.00
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COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS	362.00	SANTEK ENVIRONMENTAL GA	2335.87
IIMC	210.00	ROBBY G WATKINS	400.00
MICHAEL I SMITH	400.00	CLYDE HUFFMAN	9091.80
JUSTIN CALE HAMBY	400.00	ERIC J DUCKETT	400.00
DUSTIN ANDREW WHITENER	400.00	POOL PROFESSIONALS	227.50
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	189.58	COHUTTA BANKING COMPANY	28009.12
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	627.00	PEACE OFFICERS A & B FUND	260.00
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GEORGIA POWER COMPANY	20.44	GMEBS LIFE HEALTH FUND	21549.30
COMMISSIONER OF MC	2833.08	RANDALL BRACKETT	250.00
PURE UV WATER COOLERS	30.00	GEORGIA TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY	531.53
C J WALLS	85.00	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	189.58
COHUTTA BANKING COMPANY	24214.29	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	627.00
GRAINGER	18.72	VERIZON WIRELESS	546.23
NORTHWEST GA REG COMM	4299.00	FAIRMOUNT FLEA MARKET	133.70
PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES	94.65	NORTH GEORGIA EMC-SEDC	200.99
BANKCARD CENTER	643.31	MCCAMY PHILLIPS TUGGLE	964.50
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CITY OF CHATSWORTH
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

The Chatsworth City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Tyson Haynes presiding.

PRESENT: Mayor Tyson Haynes, Aldermen: Wayne Graves, Celeste Martin, Gary Brock and Fred Welch. City Attorney Lee Daniel and City Clerk Wilma Nolan.

Mayor Haynes called the meeting to order and presented an agenda for the meeting and asked for a review of the items and any additions or corrections to the agenda.

Fred, "I make a motion we approve the agenda as presented." Gary seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

MINUTES: Mayor Haynes presented the August minutes for review.

Gary, "I make a motion we accept the minutes as presented." Wayne seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of a proclamation for Constitution Week. Ms. Virgelia Meek of the Daughters of the American Revolution is present for the signing.

PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTION WEEK 2011

WHEREAS, September 17, 2011 marks the two hundred and twenty-fourth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as constitution week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tyson Haynes, Mayor of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2011 to be

C O N S T I T U T I O N W E E K

and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights might never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia to be affixed this twelfth day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.

/s/ Tyson Haynes
Mayor, City of Chatsworth

Attest:
/s/ Wilma Nolan
City Clerk

Presentation of the GMEBS restated Master Defined Benefit Retirement Plan documents for adoption. The resolution and adoption of the changes under the plan are requirements of the IRS and submitted by the GMA legal counsel.

I. AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to restate the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia, and providing retirement benefits for employees of the Water Commission of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Adoption Agreement, and Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Master Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement. When accepted by the authorized officers of the City and GMEBS, the foregoing shall constitute a Contract between the City and GMEBS, all as authorized and provided by O.C.G.A. §47-5-1 et seq.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority thereof:

Section 1. The Retirement Plan for the Employees of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia and the Water Commission of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia is hereby restated as set forth in and subject to the terms and conditions stated in the following Adoption Agreement, any Addendum to the Adoption Agreement, the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System (GMEBS) Master Plan Document, and the GMEBS Trust Agreement.

Section 2. Except as otherwise specifically required by law or by the terms of the Master Plan of Adoption Agreement (or any Addendum), the rights and obligations under the Plan with respect to persons whose employment or term of office with the City or Commission are fixed and shall be governed by such Plan, if any, as it existed and was in effect at the time of such termination.

Section 3. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the first day of the month following adoption by the Governing Authority.

Section 4. All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

Approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia this 12th day of September, 2011.

City of Chatsworth, Georgia
/s/ Tyson Haynes
Mayor

Attest:
/s/ Wilma Nolan
City Clerk

Approved:
/s/ Lee Daniel
Assistant City Attorney

Mayor Haynes entertained a motion that the changes submitted by the GMA to update and comply with the IRS regulations be approved.

Wayne, "So moved." Gary seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Request the re-appointment of Ron Wilson to the Chatsworth Water Commission - (Six year term to expire 07-2017)

Gary, "I make a motion we accept him as far as reappointment." Fred seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Presentation of a right of way dedication for East Lowy Drive for acceptance by the City -

Mayor Haynes advised that this was an unimproved access road off of Lowy Drive which is in the City. There has been a major business located off that particular road which would be classified as East Lowy Drive. This business is owned and operated by Anthony and Rodney West. They have approached the City as far as some point in the future providing better access to their business. By dedication of the right of way if we accept it, improvement of that designated East Lowy Drive would be based on availability of DOT funds or availability of future SPLOST infrastructure funds. This is a way of promoting and helping our businesses in the City of Chatsworth to expand and retain the ones we have.

ACCEPTANCE BY CITY OF CHATSWORTH

The Mayor and Council of the City of Chatsworth having duly approved and accepted the foregoing street as a public right of way of the City of Chatsworth, Georgia, the undersigned enter into the execution of this instrument as evidence of said approval and acceptance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have executed this instrument the day and year hereinbelow indicated.

CITY OF CHATSWORTH, a municipal
corporation of the State of Georgia

By: /s/ Tyson Haynes
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Wilma Nolan
City Clerk

Signed, sealed and delivered this 12th day of September, 2011 in the presence of:

/s/ Gary Brock
Unofficial Witness

/s/ Joyce Jones
Notary Public

Gary, "I make a motion we accept East Lowy Drive right of way into the City." Wayne seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Mayor Haynes advised that East Lowy Drive is accepted by the Chatsworth City Council with the stipulation that no improvements will be made unless available DOT or SPLOST infrastructure funds are available.

Presentation of a resolution to accept right of way and easement dedication of streets and utilities of Timberbrook Subdivision, Phase 2 - This is a development that has been going for a number of years. The developer went bankrupt and was acquired by First National Bank the holder of the lein and since that date it has been a work in progress to try to get everything to meet City Standards.

We feel at this point everything has been done to bring things into order. Mayor Haynes called for a motion.

RESOLUTION OF CITY OF CHATSWORTH

WHEREAS, First National Bank of Chatsworth, ("Bank") is owner of Timberbrook Subdivision, Phase 2, a residential subdivision development located within the City of Chatsworth ("City"), a survey of said subdivision being recorded at Plat Book 44, Page 164 et seq, Murray County Georgia Deed Records; and

WHEREAS, Bank desires to dedicate and transfer to City title and ownership of certain streets and utilities found thereon and, further, desires to grant non-exclusive utility easements for public sewer, water and storm drainage; and

WHEREAS, City representatives have inspected and approved the streets and utilities as well as utility easements depicted on said plat and have found all to be in compliance with City construction standards and requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Chatsworth does hereby accept the dedications of the above STREETS into the public road system of the City of Chatsworth, all utilities installed and located within said subdivision, and accepts all easements depicted in said survey.

This the 12th day of September, 2011.

CITY OF CHATSWORTH
/s/ Tyson Haynes
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Wilma Nolan

Fred, "I so move." Gary seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Request the approval of a malt beverage and wine license for MJ Cohutta LLC, Hargot Kapoor dba the Brothers Slop at 2909 Hwy 76 (Intersection of US 76 and Hwy 225) -

Mayor Haynes inquired of Chief Martin if he had found the application in order. Chief Martin advised that they meet all the requirements of obtaining a malt beverage and wine license.

Fred, "Assuming all things have checked out, I make a motion we accept this." Wayne seconded and the motion to grant a malt beverage and wine license is approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Bid Opening for 1997 Honda Civic - Four bids were received.

Jerry Shipman	\$250.00
Jerry Caswell	\$211.00
Willard Ballew	\$200.00
Jesse Bell	\$475.00

Gary, "I make a motion we accept the \$475.00 bid." Fred seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Discussion of a draft drug policy - Mayor Haynes advised that he had a draft policy that would address what the city is looking at but also a savings on workmans compensation that we could achieve by becoming a drug free work place. I would like for you to take this tonight and further review and at this point I am asking for your direction if this is where you want to go and if it is, I will proceed to develop the necessary agreements and contract with a drug testing company. I will bring this information back to you at some future meeting to adopt with all the appropriate company identification and information as far as who would be doing the testing and the cost related to that. I am opening this up to see if you want to go forward with this.

All the council members expressed they did want to go forward with this policy.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Reads as follows:

MAYOR'S ACTIVITIES REPORT
AUGUST - 2011

1. Attended Northwest Georgia Health Partnership board meetings on 08-02-11 & 08-18-11.
2. Worked up tentative SPLOST projects list for council review on 08-03-11.
3. Attended Fire Training Class at training center on 08-05-11.
4. Attended pre-construction meeting on bridge replacement project on 08-11-11.
5. Met with financial advisor on city investments on 08-18-11.
6. Met with Calhoun Mayor Palmer and utility directors on 08-19-11.
7. Met with grant writer Tom Sills with Zoning Administrator Flood on 08-22-11.
8. Water General Manager Martin and I met with Mr. Davis on business expansion and infrastructure needs on 08-22-11.
9. Spoke to two (2) groups at Murray County Leadership Class at Cohutta Springs on 08-25-11.

10. Met with Council Member Brock, Water Commissioners Wilson and Luffman and spoke or visited with all Council and Water Commissioners from 08-25-11 through 08-31-11.
11. Council Member Graves, Water Commission employees Martin and Burke, Clerk Nolan, Commissioner Luffman and I met with financial advisor on 08-24-11.
12. Met with Mayor Candidate Penland on 09-02-11.
13. Answered and responded to fourteen (14) calls from citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyson Haynes
Mayor

Mayor Haynes advised the report was there for review. He wanted to address several rumors. Mayor Haynes advised that to his understanding the City Council is not looking at hiring a city administrator and definitely not at \$90,000 per year and if they do I would not be a candidate anyway. That rumor is floating out there quite a bit.

Celeste stated she had a rumor that she is trying to protect my family and get them a job at the water works and I did not have a clue about any of that. I just want everyone to know that is not so. So if you hear that it was news to me.

Mayor Haynes advised that we had advertised a proposed public hearing in the paper concerning a hearing we are going to have to present some options as far as the millage rate for the city. We are fully aware of the situation with the economy, joblessness and the service level that the city has to provide. We have advertised in the paper a maximum rate that we could actually look at setting and after discussion with the council members, I think it is a good time to let each one of them express their opinion on where they think we need to go.

Mayor Haynes started with Wayne for any statements.

Wayne, "I agree. I do not feel we should increase the millage rate at the present time. If we increased the rate to what we wanted, it would only raise \$77,000. I think by cutting the budget we can more than take care of that, So, I do not think we should increase it to the 2.800 we were talking about."

Celeste, "When we originally met, I was against 2.80 as it raises \$77,000 above the break even point. I just felt like on behalf of all the people that are here, taking me out of the equation, whole heartedly I did not think that was the thing to do for people that are already facing hardships. I see people everyday that can't pay for lunch for their kids, pencils and notebooks for their kids and the ceilings are falling in in their bedrooms and bathrooms. I just cannot at this present time agree to raising it to that magnitude. I agree that we have to be sensible. We have to make wise decisions but at this point in time cutting expenditures is the only thing that makes sense. I felt this way from day one."

Gary, "I have reconsidered and I believe we should leave the millage rate at what the state says we can go to with the re-evaluation of the property. I just want everyone to know that we have eliminated six jobs in different departments in the last year and a half. We know what is going on out there and we are trying to get everything in order. If we cut any more the citizens are probably not going to like it but we either are not going to pick up garbage or limbs or something if it is cut any more."

Wayne, "As finance manager, the last two years our revenues have gone down anywhere from ten to fifteen percent a year. I think they will continue to do this for the next two or three years. We are not going to have a quick recovery in our economy for quite a while. So we are going to have to look at some tough cuts in the next year or two. The only thing that has saved us so far has been our reserve. If we spend all of our reserve we are going to be in big trouble. We will look at the budget and try to cut it as much as we can without cutting services. But if we have too, we will have to."

Fred, "It is a tough call either way you go. People have gotten used to the services we provide not only fire department, police department, water department; street department. A lot of that, it costs money to operate any department here in the city. We try to give the most bang for the buck, and I think we do a tremendous job for the size of town that we are. The residents have been supportive of what we have done in the past and hopefully they will be supportive of what we do in the future. Like Gary says, if we cut much more you are really going to see a change in the service that you are provided right now. Just everybody take into consideration, if you cut something it is going to effect the citizens of Chatsworth and we try to give them the best bang for their buck over the years and we will continue to try to do that to the best of our ability."

Wayne, "Just to give you a little better picture. Our deficit for 2010 was around \$321,000 the deficit for 2009 was \$450,000. How long do you think we can operate having a deficit like that each year. We can't do it."

Celeste, "That's a valid point. Maybe when we start our budget this year we should start with a expected revenues before we look at what it is going to cost us to run. To see how much money we are going to have to go around."

Wayne, "Through August 31 we had a deficit of \$500,000. That does not mean that much right now because we do not know how much property taxes will come in between now and the end of

the year. But that gives you an idea of what we are looking at."

Celeste, "We have an opportunity to work smarter. There has got to be a way we can do everything we want but just work smarter."

Mayor Haynes further advised that he would be conducting two public hearings on September 15, one at 12 o'clock and one at 6 o'clock. The council will meet again on September 22 at 6 o'clock for the third public hearing and following that they will go into session and set the millage rate for 2011.

Mayor Haynes called Mitchell Smith forward for the presentation of a watch for 20 years of service to the City of Chatsworth. Mr. Smith serves as the City Marshal and the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Smith accepted the watch expressing his appreciation for being able to serve the city. He advised health issues being the reason for taking early retirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Wayne advised that we are still under budget on the expenditures. The revenues is where we have a problem.

INFRASTRUCTURE: The Home Owners Association at Moravia has asked that we approve a street light. They are going to pay for the pole, the difference in the price of a wooden pole to a decorative pole.

Gary, "I would make the motion that we approve the placement of the street light."

Wayne seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

The sanitation department disposed of 19 loads of sanitation for residential and 14 loads of sanitation for commercial.

The Street department disposed of 27 tons of trash from the streets and 48 loads of brush.

Everett Jones advised that street collections were a little lighter this month. The rains last week caused some problems. There were two places at Murray Plaza that washed out and we had to go underneath the ground to form areas that will have to be poured back. We had some problems on Duvall Road.

Discussion followed concerning the replanting of trees on Market Street. Prices are being received for crepe myrtles to be placed there based upon the recommendation of Louis Dykes.

Celeste had concerns regarding the type of tree preferring something that provided shade. And if we are going to the expense of purchasing something we need to have some training in how to prune them.

Mayor Haynes advised Everett to hold off on this matter. Allowing other possibilities to be researched before making a decision.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL & TECHNOLOGY: Celeste advised that this had been touched on earlier. The Drugs Don't Work program was being discussed with Dolley for a possible savings of 7.5% on premiums would be the thing to do.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Fred called on Chief Baxter for his input. Chief Baxter advised that it was a good month for them. We had two fires. One in the alley at El Pueblito and a house fire on 9th Avenue.

Mayor Haynes reexpressed thanks to Chief Baxter and the fire department for the ISO inspection that they had just been through. Also, he expressed thanks to Tom Martin with Chatsworth Water. Mayor Haynes was very optimistic of a lower rating based upon the performance and his kind words. If we achieve this actual drop this will mean actual dollars in the citizens pockets. This would save about \$42 dollars on an annual premium for a \$100,000 home with an ISO drop from a 4 to a 3.

Fred inquired of Chief Martin for comments. Chief Martin advised they had 836 dispatches for the month. Accidents are down but drug problems are still on the increase.

Cases are being written on the four lane. The speed limit has been changed to 50 and they are writing tickets.

Mayor Haynes adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR TYSON HAYNES

ALDERMAN WAYNE GRAVES

ALDERWOMAN CELESTE MARTIN

ALDERMAN GARY BROCK

ALDERMAN FRED WELCH

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CITY OF CHATSWORTH
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011
12 NOON

Mayor Haynes called the public hearing to order at 12 noon.

PRESENT: Mayor Tyson Haynes, City Clerk Wilma Nolan

PUBLIC PRESENT: Jeff Cloer, Dinah Rowe

Mayor Haynes advised that we are here today to conduct a public hearing concerning setting the millage rate for the City of Chatsworth. By state law and the taxpayers bill of rights we are required to any time that we propose to raise the millage rate to recover more revenue than we did in the previous year we have to advertise and have three public hearings and take input from the public before the council formally adopts the millage rate for this year.

Advertisement in the paper is something the state mandates you advertise on that criteria. What the council has been considering is a millage rate of 2.342 and have been for twelve years. This is the millage rate of the city and has been that low for twelve years. Due to the devaluation of property the Department of Revenue said that to recover the devaluation we could raise our millage rate to 2.463 which would be a number they say based on our tax digest and our property values we would recover that amount of money. In actuality with that rate we would still loose \$31,710. And what the council has looked at is two or three different millage rates. Staying the same, the other rates was 2.562 which would be a break even point meaning the City would not loose any money from last year, and the council also looked at a maximum of 2.800 and under that millage rate the city would receive \$76,965 more than we received last year. The Mayor presented the public with a copy of this information.

Based on the council meeting Monday, all council people expressed their opinion on the millage rate. All four indicated they would like to keep the millage at a low rate and if not exactly 2.342 they would to to a maximum of 2.463 which you would still see a decrease in your property values over last year.

In the last two years there is 93 million dollars worth of property that has been taken out of the City of Chatsworth. A lot of that is definitely your carpet mills and textile inventories and all that. One big entity was Harris Sutton that came off the books and their inventory. At one time in 2008 the City of Chatsworth had 416 million of property values. We lost 50 million in 2009 and 30 something million in 2010. We have lost about 20% of our tax base. This represents a loss of \$200,000 from 2009 versus what we would get in 2011.

The operating budget has been cut the last two years. We have reduced five positions in the city. We have cut back plus we are looking at cutting back an additional \$200,000 for next year. We believe we will still be able to maintain our service level.

We think our fire service rating is coming down from 4 to 3 and that will save you about \$42 a year on a \$100,000 home. That is the only department the city has that you will see money back in your pocket from the services your taxes pay.

Now what we are looking for as property owners and residents of Chatsworth, we are looking for your opinion. We are now open for your comments and questions.

Dinah Rowe, "I would say that I don't see you have a choice and that is a very reasonable amount. I would do the 2.562 to break even."

Jeff Cloer, "I would like to stay where we are at 2.342."

Mayor Haynes adjourned the public hearing.

CITY OF CHATSWORTH
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011
6 P.M.

Mayor Haynes called the public hearing to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Tyson Haynes, Alderwoman Celeste Martin and City Clerk Wilma Nolan.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Charles Jenkins, Johnny Harrison, Alan Reed and Randall Martin, Faye Harrison.

Mayor Haynes advised that each year the city council has to adopt a millage rate based on our budget to recover the revenue to balance our budget. You know how hard it is out there with the economy. What the city council is looking at is a couple of factors. One, in the last two years the city has lost 91 million in taxable property. Mostly, Beaulieu, Shaw, Mohawk, Harris Sutton, etc. So we are down this year to a total tax digest value of 322,482,284 and 2008 we had 416,175,855 so you can see the loss. What we are looking at and why we ran an advertisement, the council was looking at a variety of numbers. The millage rate of 2.342 has been no higher than that for about fifteen years, that has been a constant millage rate. The next rate is 2.463, is the rate the city can set to recover some of the loss in the devaluation of the property. If the council decided to go with that number we would not have even had to have the hearings. The others are just projections to see what the dollar values are for those millage rates.

The millage rate we have right now, the city would loose \$70,730.92, with the 2.463 rate the city would still loose \$31,710.57, 2.562 we would pretty much break even with + \$215.19. The others show what we would gain if the council were to adopt those millage rates.

To update you and not speaking for the council other than what we discussed on these issues on Monday. I think everyone on the council is in agreement to keep the millage rate as low as possible. I can't guarantee you but they are looking at least as leaving it as it is or no more than 2.463. I am just speaking for myself and not any individual.

I can tell you that based on every model that I have run at 2.463 you will pay less taxes this year than you paid last year. Actually Charles, I ran yours and can give you exact numbers.

At this point, what we want to hear is you are property owners and you pay taxes. We want you to put on records for the council. We have another hearing and your comments will be presented to the council. The millage rate will be set on September 22, 2011. So now we want to hear from you and we will not be cutting City services. We feel like we can cut the budget at least 5% out of 2011 budget and still be able to maintain our services. One of the best services we have is of course the street department. We will still be able to provide public safety. One big thing we can expect, I am 98% sure that we are going to get a reduction in our ISO rating from 4 to 3. That is the only department that we have that returns some dollars into our pockets.

We are now opening it up for your questions and comments.

Charles Jenkins, "You are talking about mine and running something on it. I am not concerned. I am very thankful that I can pay my taxes. But we have so many people out here who do not have adequate food on their tables."

Mayor Haynes, "We have a 98% collection rate here in the City. We have people come in and say we appreciate you services."

Charles Jenkins, "I just can't see how you can even think about increasing it. People are loosing their jobs, cutting their wages. I just do not feel like it is a time to increase it at all."

Alan Reed, "Everybody needs to take a cut back, no matter who we are. We are in the same boat. It sounds like that is what you are doing. It is tough on everybody right now."

Mayor Haynes, "I know we have four dedicated people on the council and we are trying to provide the services to the people inside the City of Chatsworth at the least impact we can."

Alan Reed, "I don't live in the city but I have a couple of rental spots. We are already renting a little cheaper than we had hoped to. We want to make some money off it or we wouldn't have it. But still if we have to pay more tax we are going to take another loss or try to raise it and loose a renter. It is tough and I do not know the answer or how long it is going to be this tough. I hope it will be a little better next year. I hope we are at the bottom anyway."

Randall Martin, "I am confused. We are having this meeting because you are advertising a possible 2.800. Have we made the decision or have we not?"

Mayor Haynes, "We had to advertise if we got \$1 over what we got last year. That is state law."

Randall Martin, "If the council can still do that, you must have had the intent of going up."

Mayor Haynes, "There was discussion, but there was never a decision made. To get the process completed, the council could not have went up to generate one more dollar if that happened to be their decision. You would have to go through this process to get to that one. My feeling from discussing with the council there is going to be no or very little change."

Randall Martin, "Is there still the possibility it could go up?"

Mayor Haynes, "We did not even have to have these hearings if we went to 2.463. And that is just to recover the devaluation."

Randall Martin, "I want to say like Charles said. Just take Beaulieu employees for example, everybody in that organization was given a 10% reduction in pay. And on top of that everybody in the organization has to take a week off, one week in ten. That equates to another 10%. They all got a 20% reduction. There is going to be a tremendous fire storm if the rate goes up."

Charles Jenkins, "How much of a reserve is the City required to have."

Mayor Haynes, "The Department of Revenue normally asks you to have a 90 day reserve which is pretty low."

Charles Jenkins, "In dollar amounts?"

Mayor Haynes, "That would be in the neighborhood of \$800,000 to \$1,000,000."

Charles Jenkins, "It is my understanding there is around four million in reserve."

Mayor Haynes, "What we have is restricted funds and unrestricted funds. We have 1.4 million in restricted funds - We have bought GEFA bonds which are paying us 3% interest over five years. Other than that we are probably sitting on about three."

Charles Jenkins, "And you also, loaned \$500,000 to the Water Works, is that correct."

Mayor, "We bought GEFA loans."

Faye Harrison, "I keep hearing that the rates have not increased over the years. The tax rate stayed the same but is it not true that we have been able to sustain this because of the increase the state sets on the property values each year and has taken care of that."

Mayor, "Up until two or three years ago there were new homes being built. There was

property and value added to the tax digest. We were getting extra money because new home being built and we were getting to tax those, there was Harris Sutton moving in. That growth generated additional dollars. Now, you are going the other way."

Randall Martin, "You can always annex and grow your base."

Mayor, "Annexation in my opinion is good on commercial and industrial. Annexation of residential property does not pay for the services. Study after study says if you annex a subdivision with a hundred homes and calculate the service, what is going to be paid on that house will not equal your services especially in sanitation and maintaining their streets. It is a commercial or industrial and not requiring all those services that is a good benefit for a city. Adding residential by itself is not a great benefit to a city. You are increasing your service demand without the revenue to offset that. We are looking at areas, I prefer we look at commercial and industrial more than residential."

Alderwoman Martin "The same thing I said Monday night and to coincide with what Charles said and Randall. I just feel like this is absolutely not the time to put any more financial burden on the residents. We have to look at cutting back the things we absolutely do not need. Sometimes it is hard to differentiate between the things we really want and the things we absolutely have to have. When people have to start looking that way in their homes we have to do the same. There are many things that we can look at that are wants and not needs without putting a burden on the people."

Mayor Haynes, "What bothers me a lot. I have been out at DFACS a number of times and see people getting food stamps and have got cell phone in their ears. Tell me you can pay \$40-\$50 a month cell phone bill and you can't pay \$100 a year in city taxes and driving vehicles better than mine. I have feelings of hers but I also know that the programs are abused."

Charles Jenkins, "That is what hurts me. We have so many old people and they are going without certain things to buy medications, pay rent, or taxes. I cannot even understand you even considering raising anything about the taxes."

Mayor, "Considering does not mean you do it. It is thrown out there to get the comments and opinions."

Faye Harrison, "So what is the proposal? I see this here and I already crossed that out because I thought it was ridiculous but then I hear 2.8 and that is in the middle of what I already crossed out."

Mayor Haynes, "All I can tell you is that based on every council opinion that they gave. They are not looking at any of those numbers at all."

Faye Harrison, "Why do we need that extra, \$77,000?"

Mayor, "That would make up the difference in the amount we have lost in the tax digest in 2009 and 2010."

Faye Harrison, "And that is going to take care of what everybody is losing at home on all their issues."

Mayor, "I can tell you that I believe the council will make the right decision."

Charles Jenkins, "It is my understanding that Mitchell Smith is going to retire?"

Mayor, "Mitchell has actually retired and it will be effective September 30."

Charles Jenkins, "Is that not like \$50,000 a year?"

Mayor, "We are not going to fill that position. We are going to share those responsibilities among existing employees."

Charles, "How do you personally feel about the increase, whether it will bear won't be?"

Mayor, "I don't feel it will be. I cannot tell you that. The council makes that decision. I present the proposal and they make the decision."

Charles, "Is your proposal going to be to raise it?"

Mayor, "No. But discussion amount some council people was that they would want to. Now if they wanted to, I have to go through this process. If they don't want to, it stays like it is, but I still have to go through this process."

Mayor Haynes advised the final vote would be on September 22, 2011. There will be a public hearing at 6 p.m. and after that a called meeting to set the millage rate.

Faye Harrison, "I think the main concern for me here is that I really feel that in this economical time that all governmental agencies should be setting an example of doing whatever they can to make things as conservative and save as much of the people's money as they can and still of course provide whatever they really need."

Mayor Haynes, "We are not like the federal government, we have to balance the budget. We can't go borrow and spend money we do not have. I think the city residents will be pleased with the council decision. That is my belief."

Mayor Haynes adjourned the hearing at 6:25 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

Mayor Haynes called the September 22, 2011 public hearing concerning the presentation of the 2011 millage rate to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Haynes, Aldermen: Wayne Graves, Celeste Martin, Gary Brock and Fred Welch. City Clerk Wilma Nolan.

Mayor Haynes requested the record show that all council members are present and there is not anyone in attendance. Based on that, I will close the hearing.

**CITY OF CHATSWORTH
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

Mayor Haynes called the called meeting of the Chatsworth City Council to order at 6:03 p.m., September 22, 2011.

PRESENT: Mayor Haynes, Aldermen: Wayne Graves, Celeste Martin, Gary Brock and Fred Welch. City Clerk Wilma Nolan.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2011 MILLAGE RATE FOR ADOPTION - Mayor Haynes, "Based on all factors concerned, I would recommend to the council that we continue with our existing millage rate of 2.342 for 2011. I would open it for any discussion."

Gary, "So moved." Seconded by Martin and Welch. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 to set the millage rate of 2.342 for 2011.

PROPOSED 2011 MILLAGE RATE

REAL AND PERSONAL	322,023,025
MOTOR VEHICLES	7,974,038
MOBILE HOMES	285,135
TIMBER 100%	—
HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT	—
GROSS DIGEST	330,282,198
LESS M & O EXEMPTIONS	7,799,914
NET M & O DIGEST	322,482,284
GROSS M & O MILLAGE	4.158
LESS ROLLBACKS	1.816
NET M & O MILLAGE	2.342
NET TAXES LEVIED	755,253.51
NET TAXES \$ INCREASE	(70,730.92)
NET TAXES % INCREASE	(9.3)

PRESENTATION OF BID FOR OFF-SYSTEM SAFETY CONTRACT FOR APPROVAL - Mayor Haynes advised that the second off system safety grant had been awarded a while back and we received a notice to proceed. We advertised and as of the deadline of 5 p.m. on September 16, 2011, we had received one proposal, Peek Pavement Marking LLC. This is the same company that got the contract on the first off system safety grant. The bid is \$94,426.67. This is approximately \$5000 more than our grant amount we received from the DOT.

I called DOT and ran through the specifics. The striking difference is the price of the thermoplastic five inch stripe. This is because of the price of thermoplastic material costs. They have no problem if we accept the one bid. The contract has time constraints. Once we get notification we have sixty days to advertise, take bid and have a pre-construction meeting and award the contract. They have six months from that date to start work and six months from the notice to proceed to get it done in twelve months.

Mayor Haynes called for discussion and comments or questions. Basicly, we are going to have to kick in about \$5000 over the contract amount.

Fred, "I make a motion we award it to Peek." Gary seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Mayor Haynes adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR TYSON HAYNES

ALDERMAN WAYNE GRAVES

ALDERWOMAN CELESTE MARTIN

ALDERMAN GARY BROCK

ALDERMAN FRED WELCH