



**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, July 16, 2018 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry D. Roseberry, Mayor; and Councilmembers: David Eady; Sarah Davis; Mike Ready, Jim Windham, George Holt, and Jeff Wearing.

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Pepper, Assistant City Manager; Luran Willis, City Clerk; Daryl Welch with the Covington News; Teresa Welch, Melisa Hage, Art Vinson, James Waddey, Anderson Wright, Peggy Madden, Allyson Epps, Mary Carter, Don Henderson, Hoyt Oliver, and Robert Bayless.

Agenda (Attachment A)

Mayor Roseberry called the called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Roseberry, announced the purpose of the Public Hearing was discuss the city's budget specifically the millage rate on real estate in the city. Roseberry said historically the city has rolled back taxes every year so the taxes would remain the same. This year, Council has decided we need to change that. Primarily in looking forward to the future the city's mixture of revenue will be changing. He said that property tax accounts for less than 2% of the city's total budget, it accounts for 7% of the government general budget. When you include it with the electric and water fund, it equals 1.9% of the total budget. In 2020, there will be another census. The census determines how certain funds are distributed throughout the County. At present Oxford is receiving 3% of sales taxes. As you know the county has grown quite a bit, and Oxford is not 3% of the county. Oxford is approximately two and a quarter or two and a half percent. Oxford receives \$325,000, or 25% of its budget, through sales tax, \$136,000 in Insurance Premium Tax, 10% of our budget, and 40% of our budget comes from the electric fund. In looking at all of these factors, the city's sources of revenue is going to change. This Council has the obligation not to look at just this year, but to look five or ten years down the road.

Roseberry said we have a choice we can wait until we need a big increase or we can gradually add a little each year as long as the economy is growing. If we have a year like we've had in recent years where there is no growth, I doubt that council would raise taxes. We would hold them where we are. I will remind you that Oxford is the only city in the county that offers an additional \$10,000 Homestead Exemption.

Hoyt Oliver of 312 W. Clark Street said I think our taxes compared to many other places have always been low. He said "I think it is a wise move on the part of the Council".

Art Vinson of 93 Asbury Street said it appears you are simply reversing the roll backs from the last four to five years and catching thing up which I don't see any argument against that. I will suggest as you mentioned the number of sources of revenue that come in that are different than property taxes it would be great in the future if we looked at a total cost of living and the various factors that effect that. There being no further comments Mayor Roseberry closed the Public Hearing at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauran Willis, CMC/FOA
City Clerk

**OXFORD MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
A G E N D A**

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

*** 2018 Millage Rate** – The City of Oxford Governing Authority has tentatively adopted a millage rate that will require an increase in property taxes by 10.67%. The tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 6.62 mills, an increase of 0.69 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 5.932 mills. During this public hearing, Council will review the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years to determine if they will adopt the 2018 millage rate of 6.62 mills.

*Attachments

Covington News: Please run this block ad: Sunday, July 8, & Sunday, July 15, 2018

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Oxford Governing Authority has tentatively adopted a millage rate which will require an increase in property taxes by 10.67%. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at City of Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark Street on July 16, 2018 at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. Times and places of additional public hearings on this tax increase will be a Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council on July 23rd, 2018 at 6:00 pm at The City of Oxford City Hall, 110 West Clark Street. This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 6.62 mills, an increase of 0.69 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 5.932 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$27.60 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with fair market value of \$300,000 is approximately \$82.80.

CITY OF OXFORD	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Real & Personal	15,950,650	16,458,250	15,735,874	16,421,373	18,334,025	20,285,798
Motor Vehicles	3,089,870	2,624,080	1,981,300	1,438,080	1,088,540	824,640
Mobile Homes	753	753	502	480	480	480
Timer-100%				7950		
Heavy Duty Equipment						
Gross Digest	19,041,273	19,083,083	17,717,676	17,867,883	19,423,045	21,110,918
Less M&O Exemptions	3,716,329	3,670,035	3,309,308	3,285,364	3,302,207	3,270,355
Net M&O Digest	15,324,944	15,413,048	14,408,368	14,582,519	16,120,838	17,840,563
Gross M&O Millage	25.18	24.17	26.17	25.77	23.20	22.71
Less Rollbacks	17.33	16.60	18.41	18.53	16.58	16.09
Net M&O Millage	7.85	7.57	7.76	7.23	6.62	6.62
Net Taxes Levied	120,316	116,692	111,867	105,577	106,752	118,140
Net Taxes \$ Increase	(7,060)	(3,624)	(4,809)	(6,290)	1,175	11,388
Net Taxes % Increase	(5.55)	(3.01)	(4.12)	(5.63)	1.01	10.67

Property Tax Calculation for 2018

\$100,000 Fair Market Value (FMV)

Non-Homestead Exemption

	FMV Property	Property Tax Rate	Value of Taxable Property	Millage Rate	Total
Rollback	\$100,000	40%	\$40,000	0.005932	\$237.28
Current	\$100,000	40%	\$40,000	0.00662	\$264.80
Difference					\$27.52

With Homestead Exemption

	FMV Property	Property Tax Rate	Value of Taxable Property	Homestead Exemption	New Total	Millage Rate	Total
Rollback	\$100,000	40%	\$40,000	-\$10,000	\$30,000	0.005932	\$177.96
Current	\$100,000	40%	\$40,000	-\$10,000	\$30,000	0.00662	\$198.60
Difference							\$20.64

\$100,000 FMV Property \$27.52
 \$100,000 FMV Property w/ HE \$20.64
 Difference **\$6.88**

\$300,000 Fair Market Value (FMV)

Non-Homestead Exemption

	FMV Property	Property Tax Rate	Value of Taxable Property	Millage Rate	Total
Rollback	\$300,000	40%	\$120,000	0.005932	\$711.84
Current	\$300,000	40%	\$120,000	0.00662	\$794.40
Difference					\$82.56

With Homestead Exemption

	FMV Property	Property Tax Rate	Value of Taxable Property	Homestead Exemption	New Total	Millage Rate	Total
Rollback	\$300,000	40%	\$120,000	-\$10,000	\$110,000	0.005932	\$652.52
Current	\$300,000	40%	\$120,000	-\$10,000	\$110,000	0.00662	\$728.20
Difference							\$75.68

\$300,000 FMV Property \$82.56
 \$300,000 FMV Property w/ HE \$75.68
 Difference **\$6.88**