



CITY OF FLOWERY BRANCH
Public Hearing
Wednesday May 16, 2007



CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hirling called the Public Hearing to order at 9:30 am.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Don Mulkey, Cornerstone Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Discussion - Fiscal Year 08 Budget

City Manager Andrew reviewed the proposed 2008 fiscal year budget.

Manager Andrew noted that the enterprise fund has been separated from the general fund in this budget. The proposed budget represents a self supporting general fund, which has not occurred in the prior years budgets.

Manager Andrew advised that the City is working with John Hewitt on a water/sewer rate structure for out of city utility users.

Further Manager Andrew advised that additional revenue will be received due to the increase of property values and the appraisals of the Hall County Tax Assessor. The City is not proposing to raise the millage rate and it will remain 2.837 % of the 40% assessed value.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gene Reed – 5214 Railroad Ave, Flowery Branch, Ga.

Mr. Reed expressed concerns with some safety issues throughout the City. Mr. Reed requested that the City consider installing sidewalks throughout the City because of all the development and new retail businesses being built.

Mr. Reed thanked the Public Works Department for having the lines drawn at the stop signs and railroad crossings for safety reasons.

City Manager Andrew advised that the City is researching the replacement of water lines along Lights Ferry Road as well as applying for some grants to have sidewalks installed.

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Councilman Herold advised that the City would also receive more tax revenues as there are many properties that were not on the tax roll for 2006 as the land was vacant. As the properties are developed the assessment is increased.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:

There was a motion made to close the public hearing at 9:46 am.

MOTION: Jim Herold

SECOND: Jan Smith

AYES: Jan Smith, Jim Herold, Mary Jones, Pat Zalewski and Allen Bryans.

NAYES: None

Motion carried

City Clerk - Melissa McCain

Date

Mayor Diane Hirling

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