

**TOWN OF ASTATULA
MAYOR AND TOWN
COUNCIL MINUTES**



**FINAL BUDGET HEARING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
TOWN HALL**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Mitchell Mack called the Final Budget Hearing to order at 7:04pm. The Mayor gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Mitchell Mack, Mayor
Stephen Cross, Vice-Mayor
Gayle Sikkema
Orita Issartel
Zane Teeters

Also Present:

Graham Wells, Town Clerk
Walter Hoagland, Police Chief

Roll Call was performed, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

This public hearing is for the purpose of announcing the percentage by which the millage rate differs from the rolled-back rate; and for Council to adopt a final millage rate by Resolution. Council will also adopt the final budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 by fund department.

RESOLUTION 2023-23 - DETERMINING THE AMOUNT AND FIXING THE RATE OF AD VALOREM TAXATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASTATULA, FLORIDA; ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 7.5000 FOR THE TOWN OF ASTATULA FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Mack read the resolution title and announced the following information as required by Florida Statutes:

- The Taxing Authority is the Town of Astatula
- The Rolled-Back Rate is 6.4141 mills
- The Percentage over the Rolled-Back Rate is 16.93 percent
- The Millage Rate to Be Levied is 7.5000 mills

At this point the Mayor opened the meeting for public comment on this issue only. There was no public in attendance and he closed public comment.

It was then opened for Council discussion. There being no questions, the Mayor called for a motion to approve Resolution 2023-23.

MOTION by Councilwoman Sikkema to approve Resolution 2023-23; SECONDED by Councilwoman Issartel

A roll call vote was requested.

Sikkema - YES

Issartel - YES

Teeters - YES

Cross - YES

Mack - YES

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

RESOLUTION 2023-24 - ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ASTATULA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ASTATULA, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Mack read the resolution title and announced the following information as required by Florida Statutes:

The Final Budget for the Town of Astatula for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to be adopted by Fund and Department is as follows:

- General Fund – In the amount of \$1,796,257.00
- Transportation Fund – In the amount of \$88,600.00
- Infrastructure Fund – In the amount of \$230,000.00
- Enterprise (Utility) Fund – In the amount of \$125,010.00
- TOTAL ALL FUNDS - \$2,239,867.00

At this point the Mayor opened the meeting for public comment on this issue only; there being none he closed public comment.

It was then opened for Council discussion. Vice-Mayor Cross stated that he had issue with the budget as it did not reflect the unfilled position of Public Works Director as per the Town Charter. He added that the budget should state that council refused to fund the position. He would not be able to approve the budget as this was the second year that this had been done and that the limited amount of available funds had been used for an outrageous pay raise. He summarized by saying that he could not support the budget and that it was a slap in the face to the citizens. There being no further comment from the board, Mayor Mack closed the comment period and requested a motion to approve Resolution 2023-24.

MOTION by Councilman Teeters to approve Resolution 2023-24; SECONDED by Councilwoman Issartel.

A roll call vote was requested.

Sikkema - YES

Issartel - YES

Teeters - YES

Cross - NO

Mack - YES

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

ADJOURNMENT

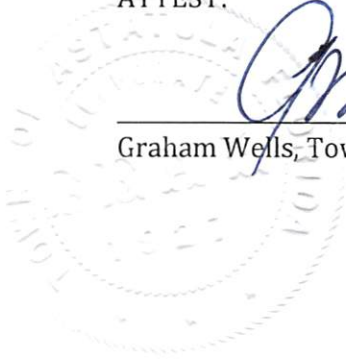
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Mitchell Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:


Graham Wells, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

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