

Town of Lee
Budget-Second and Final Public Hearing
Minutes
September 17, 2024

Mayor: James C. Ruzicka
Council President: Ronnie Bass
Council: Joyce Bethea, Lloyd Burke, Ken Szostek, Edwin McMullen
Town Manager/Clerk: Sona Hayslett
Attorney: Rhett Bullard- Absent
Absent:

Mayor Ruzicka called the 2nd/Final Public Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

At this hearing, the issue discussed will be the percentage increase or decrease in millage over or below the rolled- back rate needed to fund the budget, if any.

- The rolled- back rate is 6.6777 mills.
- The tentative millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate by 27.29 percent.
- The tentative budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$1,479,814.00

Tim Murphy was present and asked Council to please try to keep the cost to the residents at a minimum.

Mayor Ruzicka publicly announced the following:

- The name of the taxing authority is Town of Lee.
- The roll-back rate is: 6.6777 mills.
- The tentative millage rate exceeds the rolled-back rate by 27.29 percent.
- The millage rate to be levied is: 8.5000 mills.

1st is the adoption of the millage and the adoption of the Millage Levy Ordinance 2024-06. The tentative millage rate is 8.5000 mills. Mayor Ruzicka read the title of Ordinance 2024-06:

Ordinance 2024-06

An ordinance of the Town of Lee, Florida levying the ad valorem property tax millage rate for municipal purposes on all taxable property within the Town for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, stating the percentage by which the millage to be levied exceeds the rolled-back rate; and providing an effective date.

Mayor asked for a vote:

Action Item:

A motion was made to adopt the millage rate of 8.5000 mills and to adopt the Millage Levy Ordinance 2024-06 by Councilman Szostek. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

2nd is the adoption of the budget and the adoption of the Budget Ordinance 2024-07. The tentative budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025 is \$1,479,814.00. Mayor Ruzicka read the title of Ordinance 2024-07:

ORDINANCE 2024-07

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LEE OF MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA
ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

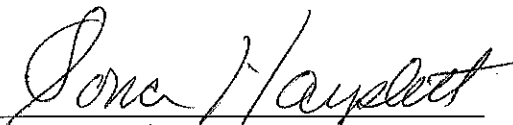
Mayor asked for a vote:

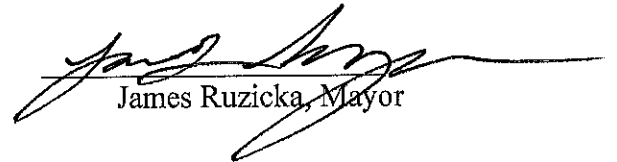
Action Item:

Councilman Szostek made a motion to adopt the budget of \$1,479,814.00 for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and the Budget Ordinance 2024-07. Councilman McMullen seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attested:


Sona Hayslett, Town Manager


James Ruzicka, Mayor