**PUBLIC HEARING MANDEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024, at 6:00PM MANDEVILLE CITY HALL**

**3101 E. CAUSEWAY APPROACH MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA 70448**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:02pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

**ROLL CALL: present-** Zuckerman, McGuire, Strong-Thompson, Vogeltanz, Discon

**Absent**: 0

**Also present**: Elizabeth Sconzert, City Attorney; Jessica Farno, Finance Director; Cara Bartholomew, Planning Director; Clay Madden, Mayor; Keith LeGrange, Public Works Director; Buster Lyons, Digital Engineering

**PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSSION:**

1. Ordinance 24-28; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE ADOPTING THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE FOR TAXES TO LEVY ON PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING GENERAL MAINTENANE AND OPERATIONS OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(B) AND (C) OF THE 1974 LOUISIANA

CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705 (B) (1) AND (2). (Councilmember Discon, At-Large) This millage was adjusted down from the previous 6.87 to 6.36 mills because properties were re-assessed this year. The lowered mills provide approximately the same revenue to the City as previous years because property values went up.

1. Ordinance 24-29; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE ESTABLISHING OTHER AUTHORIZED MILLAGE RATES FOR TAXES SUB.JECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(B) AND (C) OF THE 1974 LOUISIANA

CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705 (B) (1) AND (2). (Councilmember Discon, At-Large) Mr. Vogeltanz asked if Police would maintain their budget, Administration said the Police budget came from the General Fund, not only this millage.

1. Ordinance 24-30; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE ESTABLISHING THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE AND ROLLING FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATES NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED RATES FOR TAXES TO LEVY ON PROPERTY SUB.JECT TO TAXATION IN THE CITY OF MANDEVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING GENERAL MAINTENANE AND OPERATIONS OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 23(B) AND (C) OF THE 1974 LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION AND R.S. 47:1705 (B) (1) AND (2). (Councilmember Discon, At-Large) Mr. Discon stated not to roll up and see what the economy does. Ms. McGuire agrees not to roll up. Mr. Zuckerman stated to roll up and maintain the previous year’s millage. Mayor Madden stated that years past, 15% was voted on by the citizens at the polls and was levied. Mandeville has been “giving tax payers a break” for several years now by only levying close to half of what was voted for. Ms. Sconzert stated if a special re-assessment is called and the maximum of 6.87 is not levied, it will be lost.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rebecca Rohrbough, 2525 Lakeshore Dr, agreed with Mr. Zuckerman and stated the City was “grossly undercharging” for millage and the City could not afford that since it had a negative operating budget before the SLFRF funds were added.

Glen Runyon, 408 Venus Dr, stated the reason for the tax reduction in 2015 was because of an agreement with the citizens, and that this was raising taxes!

**ADJOURNMENT-** At 6:58pm a break was called and then the Regular Public Meeting commenced at 7:06pm.