

**Millersville Board of Commissioners  
Minutes of Special Meeting**

**Monday, July 10, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.  
at Millersville City Hall**

The Millersville Board of Commissioners held a special-called meeting at City Hall on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. with the following board members present: Tommy Long, Mayor; Milton Dorris, Vice Mayor; Commissioners: David Gregory. Also present: Scott Avery, City Manager; and Jack Freedle, City Attorney. Absent: Commissioner Cristina Templet and Holly Murphy, City Recorder/Finance Director.

1. **Call to Order.**

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Long gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. **Public Hearing** on notice to exceed the certified (tax neutral) property tax rate for the Robertson and Sumner County portions of Millersville.

a. Deborah Chadwick, 2253 Gideon Road, stated it's not about who can or cannot afford a tax increase, it's about Robertson County residents being taxed more than Sumner residents. An 85-cent rate will increase their taxes 16.6% and the \$1.00 rate would be a 37% increase. She said the city didn't have the certified revenue neutral rate from the State when they passed the budget so she's requesting that Robertson County's rates come down as they cannot carry the burden of the budget just because of their higher appraisal values, and she asked that the Commission re-evaluate the rates.

b. Tim Lassiter, 1388 Williamson Road, expressed concern about the tax rates as he compared the difference of a \$200,000 house in Sumner County verses Robertson where the Sumner resident would pay about \$2.70 more but the Robertson resident would pay about \$119 more. He said he's attended all the meetings and work sessions on the budget but there hasn't been a lot of discussion on it or the tax rate. They spoke once about setting it at 85 cents before they had the equalized rate back. He said not one commissioner has been to all of the budget meetings. He doesn't think it's fair to the Robertson County people to pay that much more in taxes and if you're going to raise taxes, raise it for everybody, not just some.

4. **Ordinance 23-797**, an ordinance to adopt property tax rates for the City of Millersville for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-797 seconded by Vice Mayor Dorris.**

Vice Mayor Dorris stated they didn't have the equalization information when they passed the budget on June 20<sup>th</sup> so he made a motion to amend the tax rates to the Board of Equalization's recommended rate of 0.6123 for Robertson County and 0.9946 for Sumner County, however the motion failed due to the lack of a second.

**Mayor Long called for a vote on the original motion to approve Ordinance 23-797. (Vote 2 yea – 1 nay, with Vice Mayor Dorris voting no.) Motion carried. Ordinance 23-797 passed first reading.**

5. Motion to go into Executive Session.

**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Vice Mayor Dorris. (Vote 3 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**

**The Commissioners met in an Executive Session with City Attorney Jack Freedle from 5:12 p.m. to 5:23 p.m.**

6. Motion to go into Regular Session.

**Commissioner Gregory made a motion to go back into regular session, seconded by Vice Mayor Dorris. (Vote 3 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**

7. Adjournment.

**Vice Mayor Dorris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Gregory. (Vote 3 yea – 0 nay.) Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:24 P.M.**

**Meeting minutes transcribed from the audio recording.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Holly L. Murphy,  
City Recorder/Finance Director

