

**CITY OF CHIPLEY  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017  
FINAL MILLAGE  
AND BUDGET ADOPTION  
MINUTES**

September 27, 2016

5:05 p.m.

**Attendees:**

Mr. Lee Dell Kennedy, Mayor  
Mr. Ellis Reed, Council Member

Mr. Brett Butler, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Mr. John Sasser, Council Member

**Absent:**

Mrs. Karen Rustin, Council Member

**Others Present Were:**

Mr. Dan Miner, City Administrator  
Mr. Scott Thompson, Lieutenant

Mrs. Patrice Tanner, Asst. City Admin./City Clerk

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- A. **Call to Order.** The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Kennedy at 5:05 p.m.
- B. **Prayer and Pledge.** Prayer was given by Mr. Reed and Mr. Butler led the pledge to the American Flag.
- C. **Agenda Items.**
1. **Approval of Resolution No. 16-21** – Adopt the Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Mr. Miner read Resolution No. 16-21 by title:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The following was also read:

1. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 operating millage rate is 7.0000 mills which is less than the rolled-back rate of 7.0515 mills by .73%.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**A motion was made by Council Member Sasser and seconded by Council Member Butler to approve Resolution No. 16-21. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. **Approval of Resolution No. 16-22** – Adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Mr. Miner read Resolution No. 16-22 by title:

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The following was also read:

1. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Final Budget be adopted.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**A motion was made by Council Member Reed and seconded by Council Member Sasser to approve Resolution No. 16-22. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mrs. Mary Rogers asked the Council if the water and sewer projects are included in the millage. Mrs. Tanner explained that the millage is included in the General Fund which consists of the following departments: Executive, Administration, Police, Fire, Cemetery/Grounds, Streets, Recreation and AmTrak/Farmers Market. The water and sewer are enterprise funds and are separate from the general fund so they are not funded by the millage rate. Mrs. Rogers stated that there is nothing in the recreation budget for a loan or anything for a pavilion for the sprayfield site. Mr. Miner asked if she is referring to the \$500,000 grant that has been discussed in prior meetings. Mrs. Rogers stated she is referring to those funds. Mr. Miner explained that the city has not been approved for those funds at this time. If we are approved then those grant funds will be amended into the budget at a later time. Mrs. Rogers inquired about the different departments at FDEP and where the funding sources were coming from. Mrs. Tami Ray with Doug Bruce & Associates explained that FDEP has multiple departments. She explained that the FDEP handles all legislative appropriations (LP) for the State. These funds are processed through a FDEP contracting mechanism so it is not a particular department at FDEP. These funds are approved by the Legislature and FDEP handles the contracts. Mrs. Rogers asked about the funds approved by the NFWFMD and whether Mr. Ted Everett sits on that board. Mrs. Ray stated that Mr. Everett is a board member of the NFWFMD. Mrs. Rogers inquired about the water well replacement project asking which department those funds come from, and is that a tax. Mrs. Ray explained the water replacement project funds come from the Petroleum Division and are not a tax. Mrs. Rogers inquired about the FDEP funds in the amount of \$2,350,000. Mrs. Tanner explained those are FDEP funds and are appropriated for the Sprayfield Project. She explained they were amended into the budget during the current fiscal year because this is the year the agreements were approved and signed by FDEP and the Council. Mrs. Rogers explained that she sees where \$20,000 was expended on the project to date. She asked does that mean you will get the money or you have to go through the planning stage. Mrs. Tanner explained the funds expended to date are for Doug Bruce & Associates which is the company that applied for the funds for the project. Mr. Miner explained all of the expenditures at this time are reimbursable. He explained that we have to go through the planning stage and then amendments will be done by FDEP to move on to the next phases. Mrs. Rogers asked how the public knows where the City is at on the process. Mr. Miner explained there will be public hearings and the engineers are in the process of completing the facilities plan currently and they should have it tentatively completed around January. Mrs. Rogers asked about the scope of that plan. Mr. Miner explained Mr. Rogers talked about this in previous meetings. There are many steps that need to be done. The engineers have to review many properties and alternatives and have to have the financial feasibility study. All those requirements are part of the facilities plan. The engineer will submit a recommendation to the City. Mrs. Rogers asked if all of this will be through public meetings that are advertised in the Washington County News. Mr. Miner stated yes they will be advertised in the Washington County News. Mr. Miner explained there is now a way to sign up on our website so you are notified of all meetings. Mrs. Rogers explained she has signed up and she know this just started in June when the website was complete. Mrs. Rogers asked about the \$40,000 in earnest money that was pledged for the property, has it been paid. Mr. Miner explained no it has not. He explained originally when this whole thing started we were looking at one piece of property. FDEP then explained we had to do a full facilities plan. I don't know where we stand at this time because the engineer is studying the whole process. I'm not sure what method will be used in this process to get rid of our effluent. I can't answer anything because I don't know what method will be used at this point. Mrs. Rogers asked if the last plan that was done did it not consist of 20 - 30 years out? Mr. Miner asked Mrs. Rogers if she is asking if that information is still relevant. He stated that is an engineering question because I do not believe anyone would use 10 or 12 year old information. Basically because conditions may have changed like the ground water may be different. Mrs. Tanner explained the process of meeting notices being sent to the newspaper. We do whatever we can to get the meeting notices out there and

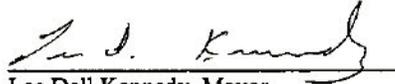
advertised. I do not know where the newspaper places our meeting notices. It is on the city website and calendar. Mrs. Ray explained the well participation meetings require that it be advertised ten days prior to the hearing so it will definitely be advertised in the newspaper. Mrs. Rogers explained she is just asking for transparency. I don't feel like I should have to investigate. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Karen Morris asked for clarification concerning the \$75,000 budgeted for the Davidson Sprayfield rehabilitation. What does that include? Mr. Miner explained we are going to clean up the site; certain zones we will replant timber; but for most of it we are going to put it in hayfields. It's mainly to get it cleaned up and prepped to make it a hayfield. The zones 5 and 6 that are next to your property will be replanted in pines. We are unable to use those zones. Mrs. Morris asked if we are going to address the drainage issue. Mr. Miner explained we are going to address the drainage issues. Yes. No further discussion.

Mrs. Morris gave Mrs. Tanner an order by Governor Scott stating any sewage spill will be reported to the public within 24 hours. She requested the document be included in the official minutes (see attached).

Mayor Kennedy adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:32 p.m.

CITY OF CHIPLEY

  
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Lee Dell Kennedy, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Patrice A. Tanner,  
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk

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### **GOV. SCOTT: I AM DIRECTING IMMEDIATE CHANGE TO PUBLIC NOTIFICATION LAWS FOLLOWING POLLUTION INCIDENTS**

*On September 26, 2016, in [News Releases](#), by Staff*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Today, following the sewage spill in Pinellas County and the sinkhole at Mosaic’s New Wales facility, Governor Scott is directing Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Jon Stevenson to issue an emergency rule that establishes new requirements for public notification of pollution incidents to take effect immediately. This emergency rule will ensure the public, local governments and DEP are notified within 24 hours by all responsible parties following a pollution incident.

Governor Scott will also propose legislation during the next legislative session to ensure the public is kept informed of incidents of pollution that may cause a threat to public health and to Florida’s air and water resources. This legislation will amend current law which only requires public notification when pollution moves off-site of where the incident took place and threatens public health. This legislation will put the 24-hour public notification requirements into law as well as increase the fine amounts and penalties on any violators.

Governor Scott said, “It does not make sense that the public is not immediately notified when pollution incidents occur and that is why I am directing DEP to immediately issue an emergency rule implementing strict requirements for public notification within 24 hours. Today, I am demanding any business, county or city government responsible for a pollution incident to immediately tell the public. That is common sense and our residents deserve that.

“While DEP was on-site to investigate the situation at Mosaic in less than 24 hours and followed current state laws to notify the public, our laws are outdated and must immediately be changed. When we find laws, rules and regulations that aren’t common sense, it is incumbent on us to immediately make changes like we are doing today. Not only am I directing an emergency rule to begin today, but I will fight for legislation next session to ensure the 24-hour public notification requirements are codified in law and the penalties to any violators are severely strengthened.

“Tomorrow, I will be at Mosaic’s New Wales facility to get a briefing from company officials and to view the sinkhole. Last week, I directed DEP to immediately investigate the sewage spill in Pinellas County and also to expedite their investigation into the sinkhole at Mosaic. I also directed DOH to immediately assist DEP to ensure our drinking water is safe. Both of these investigations are still ongoing, and should a violation be found, all responsible parties will be held accountable with appropriate penalties and sanctions once DEP concludes their work. We must do everything we can to ensure residents and visitors have access to clean and safe water, and are informed when incidents occur that could potentially have an impact on their health.”

As directed by Governor Scott, the emergency rule will require the owner or operator of any facility, including a city or county government, to provide notification of incidents of pollution within 24-hours to DEP, local governments and the general public through the media.

The new rule will apply regardless of whether the impacts of the pollution remain on-site or not. This will apply to any pollution affecting Florida’s air or water resources, such as unauthorized discharges of treated and untreated wastewater and industrial wastewater releases. The emergency rule will last for 90 days. DEP will also simultaneously begin the formal rulemaking process to gather public input and make the rule change permanent.

Secretary Jon Stevenson said, “The safety of Floridians and our environment is always a top priority of the department. It is extremely important that Floridians are quickly notified of incidents of pollution that could potentially affect public health and the environment, and this emergency rule will give DEP the authority needed to ensure the public is kept informed when these instances occur.”

**The following outlines the new notification requirements directed by Governor Scott that will begin immediately:**

- Within 24 hours, DEP, local governments and the general public must be notified of pollution by any and all responsible parties;
- Within 48 hours, DEP, local governments and the general public must be notified of any potential risks to public health, safety or welfare and to surrounding areas by any and all responsible parties; and
- Within 24 hours of becoming aware pollution has affected areas off-site, adjacent and nearby property owners, in addition to DEP and local governments, must be notified of any potential health risks by any and all responsible parties.

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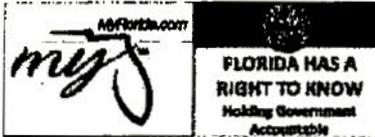
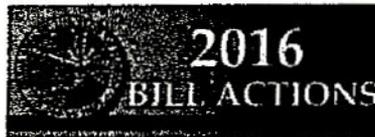
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