

City of Rome
CALLED FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 22, 2025

PRESENT:

Committee Chairman Jim Bojo
City Commissioner Wayne Robinson
City Manager Sammy Rich
Finance Director Toni Rhinehart
Assistant Finance Director Kraig Ingalsbe
Vicki Blair, Recording Secretary

Guests: City Commissioner Randy Quick
Joe Smith, City Clerk
Becky Smyth, Purchasing Director
Kelley Ledford, Assistant to the City Manager
Doug Walker, Public Relations
Mo Burge, Rome News-Tribune

Absent: City Commissioner Elaina Beeman
Assistant City Manager Meredith Ulmer

Committee Chairman Jim Bojo called the meeting to order and noted that City Commissioner Elaina Beeman had excused herself from the meeting and City Commissioner Randy Quick was present in her place. He then turned the meeting over to City Manager Sammy Rich and Finance Director Toni Rhinehart.

City Manager Rich began by stating the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the implication of House Bill 581 and the challenges it presents. At this time, it is required that an estimated millage rate need to be certified by the City Commission Board. This is an unprecedented requirement because there is not a preliminary digest from the Floyd County Tax Assessor's office available at this time and normally the millage rate is set based off the digest. However, the State of Georgia is requiring this estimate to be approved by the City and submitted no later than 15 days before tax assessments are rolled out to the property owners. Rich and Rhinehart both agree that the best scenario is to set the estimated millage rates with equal increases to be consistent. Estimated millage rates need to be submitted for both the City and Rome City Schools. The hope is to be able to reduce the rates once the digest is received from the County. After an in-depth discussion, City Commissioner Wayne Robinson made a motion to bring this before the full Commission at the next City Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, April 28th. Commissioner Randy Quick seconded the motion.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Blair