



**Public Hearing
City of Ball Ground, Georgia
Ball Ground City Hall**

Minutes
July 17, 2025 | 6:30 PM

City Manager Wilmarth opened the public hearing at 6:34 PM to discuss the proposed property tax increase. The proposed tax increase is 4 Mills which is an 8.52 % increase. Mr. Wilmarth presented a slideshow stating the potential increase as well as a 5-year digest. The slide show showed examples of the increase over the last 5 years on 5 different homes in different neighborhoods to show the increase on different assessed homes in the City of Ball Ground.

City Manager Wilmarth allowed public comments where a resident stated that he was in favor of the property tax increase. He also asked, " Will the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department be patrolling more with this tax increase?" Chief Gianfala stated "No the property tax increase will help fund additional officers to the City of Ball Ground Police Department allowing them to become a 24- Hour office and the addition officers will cover the areas where the sheriff's department would be."

City Manager Wilmarth closed the public hearing at 6:42 PM with no further questions from the public.

Council Present:

A.R. Roberts, III- Mayor
Scott Barnes- Council Member
Vicki Benefield- Council Member
Dennis Nelson- Council Member
Kristine Rogers- Council Member
Annette Homiller- Council Member

City Staff Present:

Cory DeBord- City Attorney
Donna England- Finance Director
Eric Wilmarth- City Manager
Jamie Gianfala- Chief of Police
Michelle Tanner- Building Permit Coordinator
Kaylyn Bush- City Clerk

Identified Members of the Public:

Byron Wyndham

Non-Identified Members of the Public:

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