



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

**Minutes**

**July 10, 2025 | 9:00 AM**

City Manager Wilmarth opened the public hearing at 9:00 AM to discuss the proposed property tax increase. The proposed tax increase is 4 Mills which is an 8.52 % increase. 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 asked what the proposed tax increase funds would be for and Wilmarth explained that the increase would help fund additional police officers for our Police Department which would allow the City of Ball Ground Police Department be a 24-hour department. Another question asked was "Do the new homes being built generate enough to cover the costs associated with hiring a Police Officer?". Mr. Wilmarth explained that the growth helps but it doesn't cover the cost 100%.

City Manager Wilmarth closed the public hearing at 9:35 AM with no further questions from the public.

**Council Present:**

Scott Barnes- Council Member  
Annette Homiller- Council Member

**Identified Members of the Public:**

Carol Morratta  
Dan Homiller  
Angel Stiers

**City Staff Present:**

Ashley Byrd- Downtown Manager  
Donna England- Finance Director  
Eric Wilmarth- City Manager  
Jamie Gianfala- Chief of Police  
Kaylyn Bush- City Clerk

**Non-Identified Members of the Public:**

3