



PUBLIC HEARING

June 10, 2025

6:00 P.M.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Patterson gave the invocation.
Mayor Krause led the Pledge of Allegiance

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Krause called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm
Present: Mayor Krause and Councilmembers Bogenrieder, Patterson, and Penn.
Also Present: City Clerk Nicole Sapp, City Administrator Cheryl Venable,
and City Accountant Rachel Bemby.
Present by phone: Councilmember Terilli
Absent: Councilmember Burnette, and City Attorney Jody Campbell.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

III.1 Notice of Tax Increase
Councilmember Patterson made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing at 6:01 pm.
Councilmember Penn second the motion.
Terilli- Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn- Yes
Motion passed 4-0.

Rachel Bemby gave a presentation explaining the components of property taxes and the recommended millage rate for the City of Statham.

Councilmember Bogenrieder asked for clarification on the dollar value of the millage rollback rate.
Rachel explained that a lower millage rate would cause a budget decrease of \$49,714.00.

Councilmember Penn asked what the savings would be for Statham households if the recommended rollback rate was approved. Rachel stated that the savings per household in Statham would save \$2.98 per month or roughly \$35 per year.

Rachel reminded the council that a large part of the City's budget is allocated for public safety and that cuts in the budget may cause reductions in those departments.

Councilmember Bogenrieder asked where the projected increase in tax was shown. Rachel explained there is no increase, that the recommended millage adoption is less than the previous year's millage rate. She explained that unless the home has had a value increase, Statham homeowners will see a nominal decrease in tax.

Councilmember Patterson stated that the proposed millage rate will cover the current expenses but does not take into consideration inflation costs. Rachel agreed that if inflation had not been a factor, then a reduction in the millage rate would have been recommended.

Councilmember Patterson asked Councilmember Terilli if he had any questions, Terilli stated no.

There were no additional questions or discussions on the tax increase.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to exit out of the Public Hearing at 6:12 pm.
Councilmember Patterson second the motion.
Terilli- Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn- Yes
Motion passed 4-0.

IV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Penn made a motion to adjourn the public hearing meeting.
Councilmember Patterson second the motion.
Terilli- Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn- Yes
Motion passed 4-0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.