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Brookhaven adopts first millage rate

Brookhaven, GA, July 9, 2013 –The Brookhaven City Council voted tonight to adopt a 2.85 millage rate for fiscal year 2013.

The city charter authorizes a property tax rate up to 3.35 mills, but the council wanted to set a more conservative rate.

“We heard from the public and have been committed to providing quality services while being fiscally conservative,” Mayor J. Max Davis said. “I am pleased today that we can set a rate far below our cap. The council and staff have done a great job in achieving that goal.”

The council’s vote came after the council heard from residents and business owners at four public hearings.

Under the new rate, the average owner of a home valued at \$200,000 will pay about \$171 a year in city taxes.

Of the 11 cities in DeKalb, Brookhaven’s property tax rate is the second lowest behind Dunwoody.

In March, the council approved a \$16.465 million annual budget. The budget includes expenses for the police, community development, public works, administration and other city services.

The budget also includes money to reimburse DeKalb County Police for patrolling the city up until the end of July, as well as start-up costs for the new Brookhaven Police Department. Brookhaven officers are scheduled to begin patrols July 31.

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