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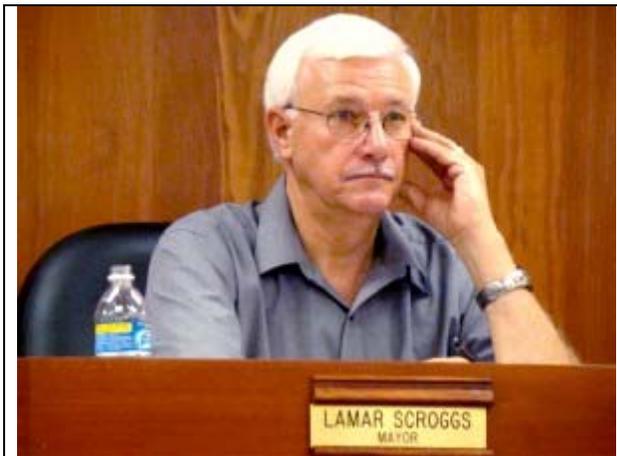
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Oakwood upset about upcoming SPLOST



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GAINESVILLE - Oakwood City officials Monday night said they want more communication with Hall County on the projects funding list for the next Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

Mayor Lamar Scroggs, City Manager Stan Brown and council members feel there has not been enough discussion on what Oakwood wants to fund if the voters approve SPLOST (6) next year.

“We would like to have more information because we think we have some sewer projects that would be worthy of being funded, as does Flowery Branch,” Brown said. “The County is

yet to give us a rundown on where they intend to spend those dollars.”

The county commission has the final word of projects that go on the SPLOST list including projects requested by cities.

Each city’s share of sales tax funding is based on population and Oakwood’s share is about \$3.7-million dollars.

Mayor Scroggs said Oakwood has told the county what they want to use that revenue for.

“We’ve told them but it hasn’t done any good,” the Mayor said.

Brown said the county has made its announcements on SPLOST funding priorities and only recently indicated they want input from the cities of Hall County.

Hall County officials have asked to discuss SPLOST (6) at this month’s local government association meeting.

NO MORE MINIMUM LOT SIZES

City Council agreed on first reading to eliminate minimum lot sizes for commercial development on Brown's recommendation.

Brown said removing the lot size requirement would encourage development as long as the developer installed sewer.

"We've got some areas on our commercial corridors where it may be hard to area carve off a 25,000 square foot lot arbitrarily just for a development," Brown said. "You have some developments now that could actually fit on a smaller lot as long as they have sewer service meet that need."

"They still need to meet setbacks, they still need to provide all the amenities for the lot but it lets the basic use of the lot dictate the size, not some arbitrary number."

Brown said he's scheduled a public hearing on the ordinance amendment November 10th followed by a final vote on it.

NO TAX HIKE

Council also voted yes on first reading on its 2008 advalorem tax millage rate and there's no need for a tax increase according to Mayor Scroggs because of the size of the tax digest.

"The budget and the tax millage rate remains the same," Scroggs said. "We've had more annexations and there is a bigger digest as a result of annexations."