

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Mayor Eric Haas called the Tax Rate Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Haas read the Legal Notice for the record that included the following information.

**2015 TAX RATE INFORMATION**

Tax Rate Proposed for 2014	\$ .378 / \$100
Revenue Anticipated	4,616,658
Tax Rate Proposed for 2015	\$ .390 / \$100
Revenue Anticipated	4,835,654
Compensating Tax Rate	\$ .375 / \$100
Revenue Anticipated	4,649,668
Revenue From New Property	\$ 46,177
Revenue From Personal Property	\$ 51,137

General Areas of Allocation: Personnel, Utilities, and Supplies

Mayor Haas called for comments from the audience and received none.

A statement received from Adam Meier regarding the 2015 Tax Rate was read into the record.

The Public hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:20 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the city building. City Clerk, Melissa Kelly, called the roll and the following Council members were present: John Muller, Lisa Kelly, Jeff Bezold, and Roger Peterman. Absent: Ken Bowman and Adam Meier. Staff members in attendance included: Interim City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Mark Bailey, Police Chief Mike Daly, and City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden.

Mayor Eric Haas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the August 17, 2015 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Muller and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve the minutes as written. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted "aye": Mr. Muller, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Peterman. Voting "no" none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **Reports of Officers**

**City Administrator's Report: Ron Dill:** Ron Dill reported on the following:

**Duke Franchise Agreements:** The approved franchise ordinances were forwarded to the appropriate individual at Duke. We have received the signed copies back. This issue requires no further action until the future expiration of the agreements.

**Tower Hill Road Slippage:** Mayor Haas issued an emergency declaration allowing the city to contract for repairs immediately. Scherzinger Drilling Inc. was awarded the contract to install 12 reinforced piers and 22 plug shafts. The contractor completed their work the week of August 24<sup>th</sup> and city crews completed the street/curb restoration and guardrail installation. The road was completely opened on Friday.

**2015 Capital Improvement Program Update:** The Covert Place Pier Wall project was completed the week of September 1<sup>st</sup> with the installation of the guardrail. Churchill Drive is over 50% complete from Newman Avenue to the entrance of Stonewall Apartments. The remainder should be constructed over the next 6 weeks. NKYWD is finishing the main installation on N. Ft. Thomas Avenue and remaining work on sidewalk and curb repair will be completed by city crews. The paving contractor will be in the city in early October to pave the streets with a completion deadline of October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Targeted Tax Incentives:** The NKADD is working on the necessary documents for this program. Jann has reviewed their initial draft and they are currently incorporating our comments into a final draft. Upon receipt of the final draft and review by staff it will then be presented to the appropriate committee of council for review and recommendation.

**New City Website:** The new website is up and running so make sure to check it out.

**Employee Retirements:** Lt. Dickie Booth who served 24 years for the Fire Department and Ptl. Brad Adams who served 10 years with the Police Department have retired effective August 1, 2015. They will be greatly missed. Sam Behrle from the Anderson Township Fire Department will be joining the Ft. Thomas Fire Department effective September 21, 2015. Sean Donelan from Wilder Police and Matthew Marksbury from Newport Police will be joining the Ft. Thomas Police Department. Their badge pinning will be at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of council.

**Sanitation District Programs:** Sanitation has recently published articles regarding their Private Sewer Lateral Repair Program and their Culvert cost-share Improvement Policy. The lateral repair program is intended to benefit residents however it also indicates possible financial obligation from the City and commitment through a interlocal agency agreement. Staff will review these documents and have a recommendation at the next council meeting.

**V.A. Homes Update:** Staff is working with representatives from the V.A. concerning the lead paint and asbestos abatement to possibly allow transfer of the property prior to

the abatement. The V.A. has indicated that there may be some flexibility with several conditions that will have to be met. The city is scheduled to meet with the developer to discuss this.

**Highland Park Trail Development:** Ron Dill thanked Jeff Moore from Duke Energy, Brian Alessandro from HHS, and Chris Rust from the Fort Thomas Fire Department for all of their work on the Highland Park walking trail. Duke Energy donated \$1,000 toward expenses on the trail and an Eagle Scout is working on a project for the trail. Also thanks to the many volunteers. They are still working on this so anyone that would like to help is more than welcome.

### **New Business**

None.

**Finance Committee Report on Disbursements:** The Finance Committee presented its Report of Disbursements and recommended the payment of warrants numbered 300673 through 300779 for the period of **August 18 – September 8, 2015.** A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Muller to concur in the recommendation of the finance committee of council. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye” – Mr. Muller, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no” none. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Ordinances, Resolutions, and Orders**

**Ordinance O-15-2015:** An ordinance adopting the rates of pay for the Police Department, Fire Department, and ASFCME Unions was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Muller and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve ordinance O-15-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-16-2015:** An ordinance closing a portion of Riverside Parkway was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to approve Ordinance O-16-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-17-2015:** An ordinance establishing the solid waste collection fees was presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve Ordinance O-17-2015. Upon call of the roll, the following members voted “aye”: Mr. Muller, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Bezold, and Mr. Peterman. Voting “no”: none. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Ordinance O-18-2015:** An ordinance establishing the 2015 Property Tax Rate was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

**Executive Order EO-06-2015:** An executive order appointing Sam Behrle as a probationary firefighter was presented to council with no action necessary.

With no further business to come before council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

APPROVED:

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Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melissa K. Kelly, City Clerk