

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, September 12, 2012**

In attendance were Council members Bernie Brown, Don Cundiff, Robert Flaherty, Corky Miller and Faith Portman

Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 5:10 and stated the purpose of this special meeting is to have second reading and vote on two Ordinances on property taxes.

City Attorney Joe Wantland had second reading of Ordinance 012-115 levying personal property, and property of public service companies ad valorem taxes and providing assessment, equalization and collection pursuant to the provisions of KRS 92.280, ET. Seq.

Mayor Ellis stated this tax is still at 15 cents per \$100 same as last year. Bernie Brown: I have a question on Section Six. What does the Bullitt County Sheriff have to do with collecting personal property tax and how can anyone get a 2% discount if paid on or before November 4th? City Attorney Wantland: Traditionally the discount has always been allowed on tax bills and the personal property is not on automobiles. It's inventory, equipment, machinery. Robert Flaherty: The Sheriff sends those bills out for the County, the State, the School Board, everybody else, for those items as well. So it's just adding ours on to the Sheriff's. Joe Wantland: Mr. Barr asked a nice question. Bruce Johnson refers to them as tangibles and there are personal properties owned by businesses, companies. Sometimes public utilities are exempt, sometimes they are not. But the guts if you will of the company, whether it be equipment, conveyors, inventory, these kinds of things, Mr. Johnson handles that through the Property Valuation Administrator and it comes out on a tax bill. So when we talk about personal property, that's what we are talking about. Not cars, not boats. That's through Kevin Mooney's office. Bernie Brown: I was under the impression that personal property included boats and vehicles. Bernie Brown made motion that the personal property be set at 14.8 cents per \$100. Motion died for lack of 2nd. Corky Miller made motion to set rate at 15 cents per \$100. Robert Flaherty 2nd. Motion carried 4 approve-1 opposed-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland to have second reading of Ordinance 012-116 establishing the real property ad valorem taxes and providing assessment, equalization and collection pursuant to the provisions of KRS 92.280, Et. Seq. Mayor Ellis stated this rate actually went down from last year from 15 to 14.8 cents per \$100. Bernie Brown: Is this 14.8 actually the compensating rate? Robert Flaherty: The 14.8 is actually the 4% increase. At the last meeting upon looking at it I got together with the Mayor, Tammy and Leanne and we re-worked some of the math. There was a small math error on how the rate was rounded off as far as going to the 100th instead of the 1000th so once we corrected that we found that the City could take the 4% increase and actually lower the rate. That's in large part because when you look at the assessments the real property assessments for the City went up \$59 million plus there was \$6 million in new growth; over \$65 million in increased property assessments. So because the City has taken the approach of trying to aggressively grow and do so responsibly that's allowed us to increase our values and bring in more revenue while lowering the rate for our residents. We're going to have the benefit of the 4% increase while still being able to lower the rate. Robert Flaherty made motion to approve 012-016 as presented. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Faith Portman made motion to adjourn. Don Cundiff 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Attest:

R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Tammy Richmond, City Clerk