

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, September 15, 2016**

Council members present: Randy Hammond, Gloria Taft, Bernie Brown, Dana Bischoff James and Ashley Bratcher.

City Attorney Wantland stated the reason for the meeting was to have the First Reading of the 2016 tax rates.

At this time I would like to reopen to position of Chair of this meeting and for future meetings until a permanent Chair is elected. Obviously from what I'm gathering from some Council Members there is some confusion whether it was for that meeting only back in 2015 or a permanent position. If there's no objection ... Bernie Brown: I object. It is not my understanding that we have already elected permanently for the duration of this term a person to preside in the absence of the Mayor. I think if we reopen that what we are doing is in essence saying yes that's the way it was done now we're going to review it and see about changing it. Am I right? City Attorney Wantland: No. I think what we are doing is reopening it if so desired. Bernie Brown: Okay. You mean for an election? City Attorney Wantland: I'm just asking if there would be an objection to do that. Gloria Taft and Bernie Brown stated they had no objection. City Attorney Wantland: For this meeting only then we will elect a Chair. Ashley Bratcher: Why does it matter if it's this meeting only or the next ... Bernie Brown: Because that's really what the laws provides. City Attorney Wantland: We can talk about a permanent Chairperson at the next Regular meeting if Council so desires. With that understanding the Chair is open. Do we have a nomination for Chair? Bernie Brown nominated Gloria Taft to preside at this meeting. City Attorney Wantland: Are there any other nominations? There were none. All in favor (5-0-1 absent).

Presiding Officer Taft stated Joe called the meeting to order at 12:31 and it is currently 12:35.

Dana Bischoff James: I have a question prior to the reading, I would like to recommend we lower rates and make a motion the rate be set at 13.6 per \$100. Bernie Brown 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland had the first reading of Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) 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.

Dana Bischoff James made motion to decrease the property tax from 14.0 to 13.6 per \$100. Randy Hammond 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Presiding Chair Taft asked Controller Bob Ryan what that .4% would do. Bob Ryan: Real Estate property was basically flat from last year to this year. You just read an Ordinance for Personal Property tax and that property went from \$408,000 to \$328,000. So the rate you adopted there I predict a \$107,000 loss of revenue. If you drop the 14 down to 13.6 there is going to be another significant drop in revenue for the City. You are taxing property that is basically flat, \$1,466,957 in 2015 to \$1,469,715 in 2016. In you drop the rate down to 13.6 you're going to lose several hundred thousand dollars in revenue. Bernie Brown: What is this net \$104,943? Bob Ryan: That's leaving Real Estate at 14 and the Personal Property at 13.6; that's a net loss of \$104,943 in revenue. The figures you have in front of you don't take into account what was just proposed of revenue of the Real Estate tax at 13.6. Presiding Chair Taft: We have a motion by Mrs. Bischoff James and a 2nd by Mr. Hammond to lower the Real Estate tax rate to 13.6 per \$100. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) establishing the real property Ad Valorem taxes and providing assessment, equalization and collection pursuant to the provisions on KRS 92.280, ET Seq.

Bernie Brown: On the Personal Property the interest is 6% and on Real Property it is 5%. Why the difference? City Attorney Wantland: It's set out in Statute. Bernie Brown: I think last year it was 6%. City Clerk Richmond: It's the exact same Ordinance with only the numbers and year changed.

Presiding Chair Taft: These are the first readings. Tomorrow the 2nd readings will be at 9:15 a.m. Madam Clerk am I correct that there is an addition to the Agenda to have a reading of Police surplus property? City Clerk Richmond: Yes ma'am. Presiding Chair Taft: The surplus property will be added to tomorrow's Agenda at 9:15 a.m.

Dana Bischoff James made motion to adjourn. Ashley Bratcher 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Gloria Taft, Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk