

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, September 16, 2016**

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

City Attorney Wantland stated the reason for the meeting was to have the Second Reading and Public Comment on the 2016 tax rates.

At this time I would like to open the position of Chair of this meeting. Gloria Taft nominated Bernie Brown. Bernie Brown declined. Dana Bischoff James nominated Gloria Taft. City Attorney Wantland: We don't need a second. Are there any other nominations? All in favor 5-0-1 absent.

Presiding Officer Taft called the meeting to order at 9:20 and stated the first order of business is to review the Surplus Property list submitted by the Police Department. LTC Dan Patchin approached the Council. The list has been updated from the August list that we received earlier. LTC Patchin: If the Council recalls too this is also part of the Chief's request; he wants to use the surplus after it is sold on govdeals use the proceeds to update our last seven in-car cameras from the 750s to 800s. He's asking for permission to be able to do that as well with the money from the sale on govdeals along with seized funds money. Larry Hatfield made motion to approve. Dana Bischoff James 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland had the second reading and Public Comment on 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.

City Controller Bob Ryan: I have prepared a statement to keep me on track: As Controller of the City of Shepherdsville, Kentucky I feel it is my responsibility to address this Council before a vote is taken on a City Ordinance that sets the Real and Personal Property tax rates for 2016 for the citizens of Shepherdsville. I understand the good intention of the Council to reduce the real property tax rate and keep the personal property tax rate at the 2015 rate. The proposed rates will lessen the 2016 property taxes paid by the citizens but what is the impact of passing this Ordinance. By applying the reduced tax rates on the 2016 tax assessed property real property tax assessed values that have remained flat when compared to the 2015 tax assessed values and personal property that was decreased in value when compared to the 2015 tax values I project a decrease in City revenues of \$253,980.00. The Budget for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017 is already a tight budget. Now there will be \$253,980 less revenue to pay City operating expenses that continue to increase. Passing this Ordinance will mean there will be no surplus for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017. The City's Fire Department will have to reconsider its plans to construct the much needed fire station in the southern part of the City. At the present time there is a plan to pay for the construction of Alpha Way out of the current revenues of the City. Passing this Ordinance will lead to the City having to borrow money to complete the project. Various projects already planned in the Budget for Fiscal Year end June 30, 2017 will have to be reevaluated. Passing this Ordinance will put the burden on future Council's to increase property taxes; hopefully not to the extent of the increase that happened to the Sewer rates a few years ago. It has been suggested to me that future construction of new businesses will bring new jobs and new City revenues, but these new businesses will bring increased cost to the City to provide City services such as Fire, Police protection, street and road maintenance and City utilities. Therefore I respectfully ask this Council to reconsider the Real and Personal Property Tax rates you have before you. Thank you for your time.

Dana Bischoff James addressed Mr. Ryan. Mr. Ryan: My recommendation is the personal tax rate remain at the 13.6 and it was and Real remain at 14.0 as it was.

Dana Bischoff made motion to accept the Personal Property tax rate of 13.6 per \$100. Ashley Bratcher 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading and Public Comment on 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.

Dana Bischoff James: I would like to make a recommendation and set the Real Property rate at .139; it's still a decrease but it is not quite a rate as to alter the budget

Presiding Chair Taft: Would we need a second reading? City Attorney Wantland: No but you need a 2nd on that motion. Dana Bischoff James: I'll make it a motion to set the Real Property tax rate at .139. Larry Hatfield 2nd. Motion carried 4-1-1.

Larry Hatfield: There will be approximately a \$400,000 shortfall when Publishers moved to Lebanon Junction by the first of the year. I don't know if anybody thought about that. I wanted to make that comment.

Bernie Brown: Did you calculate the impact of .139 versus .136? Presiding Officer Taft: What does that equal? Ashley Bratcher: \$453,233.

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