

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

The Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate of .3060 per hundred dollar valuation for real estate and .3400 of each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on personal property for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for the City of Bellevue began at 6:50 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Ed Riehl

Council Members: Helton, Rich, Almoslechner, Guidugli, Olliges and Poynter.

The City Attorney read the legal notice advertising the Public Hearing.

Member Poynter questioned the tax rate as per hundred dollar valuation.

Bill Woody Jr. 101 Ross stated support for the Council and work being done but asking for a reprieve in taxes for tax payers especially those on a fixed income. Mr. Woody asked for Council consideration for taking a 2% increase instead of 4%.

Kathy Ege, 481 Van Voast although in support of the 4% increase voiced concern for the amount of money owed to the City by the Ackermann Group. Residents should not have to pay increase when money is owned to city by developer.

DeeDee Butcher, 223 Fairfield business owner questioned the status of payment from the Ackermann Group. Administrator Spoelker advised that the City has put the Ackermann Group on notice and is following the legal advice of the attorney representing the City as it relates to the collection of money owed by the Ackermann Group.

Sharon Neal, 452 Lafayette advised that her personal income is not increasing as the tax rate is and expressed issues with the yellow no parking designation in front of her Lafayette property, with concerns that the yellow curb has devalued her property. Administrator Spoelker advised that when Ms. Neal obtained her disabled parking spot she was advised that during snow events she would not be able to use the disabled spot. The yellow no parking designation is primarily to allow snow plows access to Lafayette.

Karen Bruner resident of Harbor Greene noted that the Harbor Greene residential development generates \$250,000. in property tax to Campbell County. Mrs. Brunner asked what does 'put on notice mean" as it relates to collecting the debt owed by the Ackermann Group. Administrator Spoelker advised that the City is following legal advice.

Eileen Duve, 223 Berry questioned when notices were mailed to the Ackermann Group and if the notices were filed at the Campbell County Court House. Administrator Spoelker advised that the City is following the legal advice of Attorney.

Dave Slater, 7 Mesh Court questioned why the tax rate is not set before the budget is adopted. Administrator Spoelker advised that the City acquires the Campbell County PVA assessments and that the values are not certified until after the start of the current fiscal year. Mr. Slater asked what services would be cut if the 4% tax rate increase was not passed. Administrator Spoelker advised that Public Safety would be the priority and the budget would be reviewed. Mr. Slater asked if parking tickets could be increased to generate more revenue.

Administrator Spoelker advised that the money owed by the Ackermann Group is not a part of the General Fund of the City.

There being no further comments the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor, Ed Riehl

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Mary H. Scott