

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

The Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate of .3130 per hundred dollar valuation for real estate and .4370 of each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on personal property for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for the City of Bellevue began at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Ed Riehl

Council Members: Tatum, Guidugli, Poynter and Slater.

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

FOR THE RECORD: Rita Becker, 820 Lincoln addressed Council:

Requested a definition of General Fund of the City and questioned if taxes could be held in escrow if residents feels that their needs are not being met by the city – Administrator Spoelker provided an explanation of the General Fund and will refer to legal on escrow question.

FOR THE RECORD: Tammy Nolan, 520 Lafayette addressed Council:

When was last time taxes were increased, why each year. Where is the money going – streets need repairs nothing getting done. Ms Nolan was provided an explanation of the increased costs associated with fire apparatus and anticipated federal mandated radio costs.

FOR THE RECORD: Arthur Casto, 154 Division addressed Council:

Against an increase in taxes as roads are in bad shape – does not see anything getting done and against TIF District.

FOR THE RECORD: Bill Woody, 101 Ross addressed Council:

Against any tax increase however has seen City services increase – Fairfield Avenue has come a long way – Fire and Police much better – wish City could rely on growth only and not increase taxes.

FOR THE RECORD: Louise Schwarber, 455 Washington addressed Council:

Appreciative of snow removal – encouraged residents to report problems via the web site – issues in alleys with garbage and animals, would like to see residents required to place lids on cans. Member Guidugli noted that the City just bid out waste control and considered toters for everyone, however that would involve an increase that was voted down. Residents are encouraged to purchase a large toter with secure lid.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Poynter noted the following:

City should provide more enforcement of garbage issues in alleys.

Taylor Avenue road repair has been brought up for discussion for several years – believe there is a serious problem with streets and repairs – suggested more supervision of maintenance department.

Against City taking 4% tax increase – feels money should be spent more wisely. Member Guidugli noted that the Fire Department lacked a Capital Purchase plan prior to his appointment to the Fire Board and Chief Auteri. There is now a plan in place.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Slater suggested that \$150,000. fund carryover be used to offset additional costs such as Taylor Avenue and Fire Department.

FOR THE RECORD: Rita Becker, 820 Lincoln Road addressed Council:

Expressed concerns regarding her former residence 353 Berry with garbage cans lacking lids as well as other issues and feeling of being “targeted” by neighbors when she contacted the City. Feels cheated and abandoned by City. Ms. Becker suggested the City hire someone for Code Enforcement –in favor of improvements made to main street (Fairfield Avenue) but not to the exclusion of every other street. Ms. Becker stated this is her 5th year for straw and sandbags to deter water at her property located at 820 Lincoln Road. Tax hikes anger wondering where money is going – does City produce a line item budget – would like this available for residents on web site – web site is hard to navigate.

FOR THE RECORD: Diane Mardis, 810 Grandview addressed Council:

Twenty seven year issue of water runoff in her yard and driveway – 800 block of Grandview is too high, has no gutters – how can Lincoln be fixed when Grandview is higher than Lincoln and will continue to be a problem for Lincoln. Would like to see more Police presence at Bellevue Beach Park and the bathrooms kept unlocked until park closes.

FOR THE RECORD: Tammy Nolan, 520 Lafayette addressed Council:

Issue with request for disabled parking spot for parents who live at 520 Lafayette, been waiting over two months for City response. Ms. Nolan noted that Member Slater does an awesome job for the residents.

FOR THE RECORD: Rita Becker, 820 Lincoln Road addressed Council:

Would like to see access to a more transparent City Government expressed appreciation to Member Poynter for his honesty and concern. Encouraged Council to not hide issues in order to protect the image of the City. Would like to see a forum for problems and concerns – encouraged everyone to google ICMA for an education on City transparency.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Tatum encouraged Ms. Becker to become more involved with the community through volunteering.

There being no further comments the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor, Ed Riehl

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Mary H. Scott

