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Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 14, 2014

6:15 PM

Council Chambers

Public Hearing

Mayor Lance Westcamp

*Council Members - Ed Rarey, Jean Ann Hilbert,
Donna Drury, Ed Dildine, Shawn Cleary & Becky Hutson*

1. Call To Order

by Mayor Westcamp at 6:15 p.m.

Staff Present: Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jeff Green - Director of Finance, Ralph Portier - Chief of Police

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

2. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Hutson, and Rarey

3. Approval of Minutes - May 27, 2014

[#148-2014](#) PH Minutes 5-27-2014

Attachments: [PH Minutes 5-27-2014 ORD. 14-013.pdf](#)
[PH Minutes 5-27-2014 ORD. 14-014.pdf](#)

Approved as submitted.

4. Notice

The Clerk of Council read of the Notice of Public Hearing.

[#149-2014](#) Notice of PH for Tax Budget - 2015

Attachments: [Notice of PH for Tax Budget - 2015.pdf](#)

Clerk of Council Ruthanne Sargus Ross deferred to Law Director Shannon as to the reading of the Public Hearing Notice. Mr. Shannon advised Council this notice was advertised in the paper. The point is notice was given to the community that there was going to be a Public Hearing tonight as it relates to the Tax Budget. The Tax Budget year as indicated in the paper says 2014, when it's actually 2015. However, that is not critical, what is critical is that people were made aware of the fact that Council would be considering this in a Public Hearing this evening; that is still happening. Moreover, the legislation itself was published correctly with 2015 for Council's consideration this evening. Clerk Ross wanted Mr. Shannon to point out to Council that

there was a typo in the initial advertisement but it has no substantial affect as to the proceedings because it is clear the City gave notice to the public. Council Member Hilbert asked Mr. Shannon if that was his legal opinion. Mr. Shannon stated that is his legal opinion.

5. **Certification**

The Clerk of Council read of the Certification of Public Hearing.

[#150-2014](#)

Certification for Tax Budget 2015

Attachments: [Certification for Tax Budget 2015.pdf](#)

6. **Resolution:**

[RES. 14-008](#)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015

Sponsors: Hutson

Attachments: [RES. 14-008 2015 Tax Budget attachment.pdf](#)

Finance Director Jeff Green advised Council the Resolution is an exercise no longer required by state law but is still required by Franklin County. The point he makes every year is, this is not the City's budget. The budget that is adopted in the fall is the one everyone works on together. This is something in the midst of getting the City's audit done, financial reports filed with the state and with GFOA and the mid-year forecast. The numbers are as accurate as we can possibly make them but they are not scientific. This is done every year. Council Member Hilbert asked if the practice was a little medieval. Mr. Green responded if Council remembers, every year we have a resolution adopting the amounts and rates, supposedly it is used for levy purposes. This reporting is supposedly used for the same purpose. Mr. Green reported the good news is we had a great audit. Mr. Shannon advised at the regular meeting Council will consider a motion to suspend the rules as to the three readings on the matter.

The Clerk of Council read by title Resolution No. 14-008.

7. **Close of Public Hearing**

Council Member Dildine made a motion, seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Dildine, Drury, Hilbert, Hutson and Rarey

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Ruthanne Sargus Ross, Clerk of Council

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