

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

PROPOSED LEVY ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED AND PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL

Mayor August J. Kellerman called the Public Hearing of the Pinckneyville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the PROPOSED LEVY ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED AND PUBLIC COMMENT AS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL. Members present: Commissioners Samuel J. Fulk, Leonard J. Heisner, David M. Stone and Mayor August J. Kellerman. Members absent: Commissioner Kevin B. Hicks, who arrived at 7:05 p.m. Administrative staff present: City Clerk Frances I. Thomas and City Attorney Roger Seibert.

Mayor Kellerman opened the meeting and requested City Attorney Roger Seibert explain the primary reason the City is increasing the pension levy for the Police Department. The levy has increased approximately 14.4% from the previous year. The State of Illinois suggested amount of Tax Levy to arrive at the annual requirements of the fund as prescribed by section 3-125 of the Illinois Pension Code \$204,875.00. The City is proposing a levy of \$199,400.00 for the Pinckneyville Police Pension Fund.

Donald and Jeannie Woodside spoke to the Council questioning if the Council understands how many retired and persons of limited income are living in Pinckneyville. The financial hardship will be felt by many residents in the City who struggle just to pay for their medications and food. Helen Schafer stated her children could lose their homes with such a tax increase. Mr. Seibert explained the increase will be about \$10.00 for a \$30,000 home. The amounts are mandated by the state and the City has no other choice.

- Mr. Woodside stated people will be moving out of Pinckneyville. There will be empty buildings. Low income people can't pay this increase. Commissioner Heisner explained there is no good answer. The average tax increase will be approximately \$10.00. This is just the cities portion of the real estate tax bill.

- Mayor Kellerman explained Perry County has one of the cheapest tax rates of any Southern Illinois counties.

- Helen Schafer stated it is just too much at one time.

- Mr. and Mrs. Woodside suggested lowering the employees wages. City workers just ride around and never get out of trucks. The leaves are just lying in the streets.

- Helen Schafer stated the new hospital is even more trouble. We do not need a new hospital.

No further discussion was heard from the attendees and the public hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PINCKNEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL

HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Leonard J. Heisner.

ROLL CALL

Mayor August J. Kellerman called the regular meeting of the Pinckneyville City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Members present: Commissioners Samuel J. Fulk, Leonard J. Heisner, Kevin B. Hicks, David M. Stone and Mayor August J. Kellerman. Members absent: None. Administrative staff present: City Clerk Frances I. Thomas and City Attorney Roger Seibert.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve the previous minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting as presented. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Commissioner Heisner, seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve the Treasurer's Report as prepared by City Treasurer Arthur F. Reese and presented by Commissioner Heisner, including the Year to Date Payroll Report YTD – December 13, 2013, Comparative Payroll For 12 Months Ending December – 2008-2013, Comparative Payroll Hours (Total) For 12 Months Ending December – 2008-2013 and Comparative Payroll Overtime Hours For 12 Months Ending December – 2008-2013. The total payroll as of this date is down approximately \$50,000 from last year. Overtime hours are down almost 50 hours from last year. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Commissioner Heisner, seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve the accounts payable as presented. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Commissioner Stone reported the relining of the sewer in certain areas of Walnut Street has begun.
- Mayor Kellerman reported the Holiday Basketball Tournament will be in town this weekend. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-24 – SUPPORT OF BY-PASS

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve R-2013-24, a Resolution in support of the bypass, in connection with the expansion of Illinois Rout 127 to four lanes from Murphysboro, Jackson County to Interstate 64 at Nashville, Washington County, Illinois. On roll call:

Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-25 – SUPPORT OF SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to approve R-2013-25, a Resolution in support of Safe Route to School. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-2013-09 – TAX LEVY

Motion by Commissioner Heisner, seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve O-2013-09, an Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2013 and ending April 30, 2014. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

VIDEO GAMING TAX REPORT

Commissioner Heisner reported the City has received a check in the amount of \$409.27 as its share of the video gambling machines within the City limits.

PURCHASE CHOPPER TYPE PUMP

Motion by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Heisner to approve of a purchase of a new chopper type pump needed at the terminal lift station east of town. This pump is needed to better handle the amounts of paper and other solid waste from the Prison's sewer flow. The approximate cost is \$30,000.00. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

2014 MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Stone to set the 2014 municipal calendar for the regular meetings of the Pinckneyville City Council as the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY MAYOR

Mayor Kellerman stated the Council members spend many hours working for the City with a small amount of compensation.

SETTING CALENDAR FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion by Commissioner Hicks, seconded by Commissioner Stone to set the calendar for the Planning Commission. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

CEMETERY BOARD OF MANAGERS

Motion by Commissioner Heisner, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to set the calendar for the Pinckneyville Cemetery Board of Managers as the 2nd Monday of each month at 12:00 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

FRED PABST REPORT

Fred Pabst, representing the Planning Commission, requested permission for the Commission to use the engineering firm of H.M. & G. Inc. to assist with their endeavors. The Council suggested using the present maps. Members of the Planning Commission stated they may have some plans ready for Council approval by the next meeting. The Council is invited to attend the January 9, 2014 meeting at the Junior High school to review the progress they have made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Stone to move the meeting to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for Section 2(A)(a) Collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Heisner to return to the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Hicks to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Fulk, Heisner, Hicks, Stone and Mayor Kellerman voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.