

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE PROPOSED 2018 TAX RATE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 6:45 P.M.**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Eric Haas at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Building. Present for the hearing were, David Cameron, Ken Bowman, Lisa Kelly, Jeff Bezold, Roger Peterman, and John Slawter. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Ron Dill, City Clerk Melissa Kelly, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, and City Attorney Jann Seidenfaden.

The proof of publication was read by Mayor Haas and stated that the legal notice was published in the Campbell County Recorder on Thursday, August 30th and Thursday, September 6th, 2018. The notice is required under KRS 132.027, as passed by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Mayor Haas read the tax rate information for the record. The proposed tax rate for 2018 is \$.390 per \$100. General areas of allocation are personnel, utilities, and supplies.

Ken Bowman noted that he would like to compromise to not increase the property tax 4%. Mayor Haas indicated that this would need to be addressed during the budgeting process. Not taking the compensating rate would affect the city negatively related to healthcare cost and pension costs.

Ron Dill noted that pension is still a legislative agenda item to look at separation through the KLC. The city will continue to support this.

David Cameron asked if they city has done a comparison of tax rates from other cities? Joe Ewald noted that Tri-ED has an up to date list. Staff will get rates once they are passed.

Mayor Haas called for comments from the audience and received none.

With no comments from the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Beckett, City Clerk