

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,  
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

**2022 Tax Rate Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing for the proposed 2022 Tax Rate was called to order by Mayor Eric Haas at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center/Mess Hall. Present for the hearing were, Ben Pendery, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau and Roger Peterman. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Matt Kremer, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Chris Amon, Police Chief Casey Kilgore and City Attorney Tim Schneider.

The legal notice was read by Finance Director Joe Ewald and stated that the notice was published in the Campbell County Recorder on Thursday, August 18, 2022 and Thursday, August 25, 2022. The notice is required under KRS 132.027, as passed by the Kentucky General Assembly.

The proposed tax rate for 2022 is \$.337 per \$100. General areas of allocation are personnel, utilities, and supplies. Mayor Haas called for comments from the audience.

Joan Ferris from 66 Burney Lane addressed council with questions pertaining to the tax rate. She asked what the amount of taxes collected in 2021 compared to projected 2022 amount. Joe Ewald answered that in 2021 the city collected approximately 5.75 million and the projected collection for 2022 is 5.98 million.

Dennis Pompilio from 40 Kathy Lane addressed council. Mr. Pompilio asked about the 4% tax increase and if the city is limited to 4% revenue. Joe Ewald noted that the state limits the city to a 4% increase in revenue based on the total assessments across the entire city.

Sharon MacKnight from 62 Miller Lane addressed council. Ms. MacKnight asked for clarification on the proposed city tax rate compared to the compensating rate.

With no additional comments from the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The notice is attached below:

**LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY  
TAX RATE INFORMATION - 2022**

Tax Rate Proposed for 2022	\$ .337/ \$100
Revenue Anticipated	6,148,614
Tax Rate Proposed for 2021	\$ .397/ \$100
Revenue Anticipated	5,925,950
Compensating Tax Rate 2022	\$ .325 / \$100
Revenue Anticipated	5,929,672
Revenue From New Property	\$ 22,087
Revenue From Personal Property	\$ 51,365

General Areas of Allocation: Personnel, Utilities, Supplies

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Fort Thomas Community Center / Mess Hall, located at 801 Cochran Street, Fort Thomas, KY, 41075. The purpose of this Hearing is to receive taxpayer input on the proposed tax rate for 2022. This Notice is required by KRS 132.027, as passed by the Kentucky General Assembly.

SIGNED:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk

Mayor Eric Haas called the meeting of council to order at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following council members were present: Ben Pendery, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau, and Roger Peterman. Staff members in attendance included: City Administrative Officer Matt Kremer, City Clerk Melissa Beckett, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Joe Ewald, Fire Chief Chris Amon, Police Chief Casey Kilgore, and City Attorney Tim Schneider.

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the August 15, 2022 meeting were presented to council for consideration. A motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mr. Pendery to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Haas called for a voice vote and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Visitors and Communications:**

Joan Ferris from 66 Burney Lane addressed council. Ms. Ferris asked who she can speak to regarding clarification on Industrial Revenue Bonds. Mr. Peterman briefly explained and noted that he would be happy to meet with Ms. Ferris to explain in more detail.

Sharon MacKnight from 62 Miller Lane addressed council. Ms. MacKnight asked if all IRBs are tax exempt. Mr. Peterman noted that the answer is no, but there are specific provisions in the statute if it is done a certain way, the property would be tax exempt.

### **Report of Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

**Report from the Public Safety Committee:** Adam Blau, Chairman reported that the Public Safety met prior to the council meeting to discuss options for the purchase of a new ladder truck in the fire department. It was the consensus of the committee to direct staff to complete the specifications and bid for review at the October 17th council meeting.

### **Reports of Officers**

**City Administrator's Report: Matt Kremer:** Matt Kremer reported on the following:

**Grow Grant Ordinance:** Staff is working on creating an ordinance that outlines the regulations for the Grow Grant. The change for the grow grant this year will be to merge in the UpFit Grant. The funds will still be the same (\$60,000), all information and guidelines will be clearly laid out in the ordinance. Matt would like this in an ordinance form before the next grant application process. This matter will be referred to committee prior to the next meeting.

### **New Business**

None.

**Ordinances and Orders**

**Ordinance O-10-2022:** An ordinance establishing the 2022 tax rate was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before council, a motion was made by Mr. Peterman and seconded by Mr. Bezold to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Eric Haas, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk