

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS,
CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

Due to Mayor Haas's absence, a motion was made by Mr. Bezold and seconded by Mrs. McIntosh to appoint Ben Pendery as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Pendery called the meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call: Melissa Beckett, City Clerk, called the roll and the following Council members were present: Lauren McIntosh, Ben Pendery, Andy Ellison, Jeff Bezold, Adam Blau, and Eric Strange. 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.

2023 Tax Rate Public Hearing: Joe Ewald called the 2023 Tax Rate Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

The legal ad read as follows:

**LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF FORT THOMAS, KENTUCKY
TAX RATE INFORMATION - 2023**

Tax Rate Proposed for 2023	\$.348/ \$100
Revenue Anticipated	6,392,970
Tax Rate Proposed for 2022	\$.337/ \$100
Revenue Anticipated	6,148,614
Compensating Tax Rate 2023	\$.335 / \$100
Revenue Anticipated	6,154,152
Revenue From New Property	\$ 8,160
Revenue From Personal Property	\$ 40,661

General Areas of Allocation:
Personnel, Utilities, Supplies.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 P.M. at the City Building, 130 N. Fort Thomas Ave., Fort Thomas, KY. The purpose of this hearing is to receive taxpayer input on the proposed tax rate for 2023. This notice is required by KRS. 132.027, as passed by the KY General Assembly.

SIGNED:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk

With no comments from the audience, the tax hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes

August 21, 2023: The minutes from the August 21st meeting of council were presented for consideration. Motion by Mr. Strange and seconded by Mr. Ellison. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote

Visitors and Communications

Elizabeth Allegrini from 45 Lockwood Place addressed council regarding putting up legislation on the website for residents to review before approval.

Julie Reckley from 25 Alpine Drive addressed council regarding golf cart safety with children.

Helen Long from 1 Toni Terrace addressed council regarding the proposed soccer complex and her concerns with safety and accessing Carmel Manor Nursing Home.

Katie Beck from 264 Sergeant Ave. addressed council regarding the proposed soccer complex and her concerns with traffic and other issues. Matt Kremer will meet with Mrs. Beck regarding detailed information on this issue.

Vicki Clements from 21 Toni Terrace addressed council regarding golf cart safety and children.

Theresa Schafer from 30 Azalea Terrace asked why Fort Thomas is listed as a Smart City. Matt Kremer noted that this was a mistake and misprint and the company has agreed to take us off of the list.

Ordinances and Orders

Ordinance O-14-2023: An ordinance pertaining to a ten year renewal of the franchise agreement between Spectrum and the City of Fort Thomas was presented to council for a first reading. This ordinance will be laid over to the next regular meeting of council for consideration.

Prior to the first reading of the tax ordinance, Andy Ellison noted that he does not feel the tax rate should be raised by the 4% because in his opinion, the city has sufficient reserves. Discussion ensued between members. It was decided that each member would meet with Matt Kremer to discuss and the city attorney would move forward with the first reading of the ordinance.

Ordinance O-15-2023: An ordinance establishing the tax rate for 2023 for property taxes within the City of Fort Thomas. 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. Pendery and seconded by Mr. Blau to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

Eric Haas, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa K. Beckett, City Clerk