

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019**

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:

The Special Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Mayor Sandy Lucy opened the meeting with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor:	Sandy Lucy	Present
Council Members: Ward I	Steve Sullentrup	Present
	Nick Obermark	Present
Ward II	Mark Wessels	Present
	Mark Hidritch	Present
Ward III	Jeff Patke	Present
	Greg Skornia	Absent
Ward IV	Gretchen Pettet	Present
	Joe Holtmeier	Present

Also Present:	City Administrator	Darren Lamb
	Deputy City Clerk	Sherri Klekamp
	Economic Development Director	Sal Maniaci
	Public Works Director	John Nilges
	Police Chief	Ed Menefee

Originals and/or copies of agenda items of the meeting, including recorded votes are available on record in the office of the City Clerk. Each ordinance is read a minimum of twice by title, unless otherwise noted.

Approval and Adjustment of Agenda:

A motion to accept and approve the agenda was made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Pettet, passed without dissent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

* City of Washington Tax Levy

A public hearing will be held on August 26, 2019, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the public may be heard, in the Council Chambers of City Hall of said City to set the proposed property tax rates for the City of Washington and the City of Washington Library District. Citizens may be heard on the following proposed property tax rates:

<i>ASSESSED VALUATION</i>	<u><i>CITY OF WASHINGTON</i></u> <i>PROPOSED</i> <i>TAX YEAR</i>	<i>PRIOR</i> <i>TAX YEAR</i>
<i>Real Estate</i>	\$288,431,754	\$269,993,189
<i>Personal Property</i>	<u>60,239,014</u>	<u>58,829,840</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$348,670,768	\$328,823,029

Based on Missouri State statutes, the permitted 2019 tax levy for the general operating levy of the City of Washington is \$0.5939 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

<i>FUND</i>	<i>TAX REVENUE FOR 2019-2020</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX RATE</i>	<i>PRIOR YEAR TAX REVENUE</i>	<i>INCREASE (DECREASE)</i>
<i>General Fund</i>	\$2,070,755	\$0.5939/\$100	\$1,989,050	\$81,705

<i>ASSESSED VALUATION</i>	<u><i>CITY OF WASHINGTON - LIBRARY DISTRICT</i></u> <i>PROPOSED</i> <i>TAX YEAR</i>	<i>PRIOR</i> <i>TAX YEAR</i>
<i>Real Estate</i>	\$117,794,364	\$111,167,234
<i>Personal Property</i>	<u>24,094,459</u>	<u>24,722,474</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$141,888,823	\$135,889,708

Based on Missouri State statutes, the permitted 2019 tax levy for the general operating levy of the City of Washington – Library District is \$0.2000 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

<i>FUND</i>	<i>TAX REVENUE FOR 2019-2020</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX RATE</i>	<i>PRIOR YEAR TAX REVENUE</i>	<i>INCREASE (DECREASE)</i>
<i>Library Fund</i>	\$276,683	\$0.2000/\$100	\$135,889	\$140,794

MAXIMUM ALLOWED, BY MO STATE STATUTES:

TOTAL OF BOTH TAX LEVIES: \$0.7939/\$100

RATES ARE CONTINGENT ON FINAL ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS.

CITY OF WASHINGTON, MISSOURI

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Mayor: Okay, Mary.

Sprung: Okay, included in your packet this evening is the paperwork for the Public Hearing to set the tax rate for the City of Washington and the Washington Public Library District.

So the assessed valuation as prepared by Franklin County for the City of Washington for both real estate and personal property came to a total of \$348,670,768 which based on the 2019 tax levy for general purposes for the City would be .5939 per \$100 of assessed valuation. So that results in tax revenue of \$2,070,755 which is an increase of \$81,705 over last year.

So the same information for the Washington Public Library District, the total assessed valuation both real estate and personal property is \$141,888,823 and the 2019 tax levy for the Library District is .2000 per \$100 of assessed valuation and the tax revenue related to that is \$276,683 which is an increase of \$140,794. That increase is basically due to the voters since they voted to increase that back in April.

The combined rates would then be .7939 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

So my recommendation would be to go with what is permitted by State law which would be to approve the .7939. Any questions?

Sullentrup: The \$141 million, is that Franklin County or just Washington, Missouri?

Sprung: That is the assessed valuation in the Library District.

Lamb: And the levying district itself.

Sprung: Yeah. Franklin County provides us with those figures.

Sullentrup: Okay.

Sprung: So that's what they have assessed.

Mayor: The Library District ends at 14th Street there.

Wessels: Mary, the States cap what you can do then?

Sprung: Yes, this is what would be permitted by law. So we provide the Franklin County assesses the valuation and then the State performs the calculation and they provide us with the maximum permitted by law which is the .2000 or in our case the .5939.

Wessels: Reason why I'm asking is because our assessed valuation went up a higher percentage than what we are going the revenues that are going to be generated. I guess they just don't allow you to go all the way but...

Sprung: That's correct, you can only the Hancock Amendment kicks in, you can only increase you can only increase your revenue by the amount of construction, new construction actually. If your assessed valuation goes up, your tax rate actually goes down.

Wessels: I got you.

Sprung: It's an inverse relationship because you can only have this same amount of revenue from year-to-year. It can only grow by the amount of new construction or if you were to annex then it could grow your tax base.

The amount of new construction since you brought that up, the amount of new construction City of Washington was approximately 6 million last year and the amount in the Library District was 1.2 million.

Wessels: Thank you.

Sprung: And that varies from year-to-year.

Mayor: Any other questions or comments?

Holtmeier: It's right, we cannot grow the Library District, right?

Lamb: Correct, it's pretty much frozen.

Holtmeier: I just wanted to make that clear. Some people...

Sprung: Well without I guess without going to the vote of State law won't allow...

Mayor: State law won't allow...

Lamb: No you, State legislative...

Mayor: Whatever was said in 1965 is...

Lamb: Frozen.

Mayor: Is what it is.

Sprung: Okay, there you go.

Mayor: The boundaries.

Wessels: Okay, thank you.

Mayor: You're welcome. Any other questions or comments? Okay, this is a Public Hearing so is there anyone in the audience who would like to address the Council regarding the tax rate, the tax levy? You would be the only one.

Lamb: Shauna's back there, she's waiting.

Mayor: Shauna, do you have a question? Sal? Greg?

Pettet: Anyone?

Lamb: Anyone?

With no further discussion, a motion to accept this item into the minutes was made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Patke, passed without dissent.

Bill No. 19-12035, Ordinance No. 19-12077, an ordinance levying and imposing for the calendar year 2019 a tax upon all real estate and taxable tangible property in the City of Washington, Missouri for General Municipal Purposes and for a Free Public Library.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Holtmeier.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Obermark-aye, Wessels-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Pettet-aye, Skornia-absent.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Bill No. 19-12036, Ordinance No. 19-12078, an ordinance accepting the proposal for Standard Architectural/Engineering Services with Horn Architects Washington, Missouri.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilmember Hidritch.

After discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Patke-aye, Obermark-aye, Wessels-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Pettet-aye, Skornia-absent.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Public vote on whether or not to hold a closed meeting to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo (2000) passed at 6:15 p.m. on the following roll call vote; Patke-aye, Obermark-aye, Wessels-aye, Sullentrup-aye, Hidritch-aye, Holtmeier-aye, Pettet-aye, Skornia-absent.

The regular session reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made at 6:56 p.m. by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Sullentrup passed without dissent.

Adopted: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

President of City Council

Passed: _____

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor of Washington, Missouri