

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022**

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:**

The Special Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Mayor Doug Hagedorn opened the meeting with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>Mayor:</b>	Doug Hagedorn	Present
<b>Council Members:</b>		
<b>Ward I</b>	Al Behr	Present
	Duane Reed	Present
<b>Ward II</b>	Mark Hidritch	Present
	Mark Wessels	Present
<b>Ward III</b>	Chad Briggs	Present
	Jeff Patke	Present
<b>Ward IV</b>	Mike Coulter	Absent
	Joe Holtmeier	Present

<b>Also Present:</b>	City Administrator	Darren Lamb
	City Clerk	Sherri Klekamp
	Police Chief	Jim Armstrong
	Fire Chief	Tim Frankenberg
	Emergency Management Director	Mark Skornia
	Human Resources Manager	Shauna Pfitzinger
	Economic Development Director	Sal Maniaci
	Public Works Director	John Nilges
	Street Superintendent	Tony Bonastia
	Finance Director	Mary Sprung
	Parks Director	Wayne Dunker
	Airport Manager	Kevin Hellmann

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 including Consent Agenda:**

\* Liquor License Renewal: Baps West End LLC

A motion to accept and approve the agenda including the consent agenda accordingly made by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Behr, passed without dissent.

**PRIORITY ITEMS:**

\* Budget Workshop

City Administrator Darren Lamb discussed budget highlights from the 2021/2022 budget year and the 2022/2023 budget year. Discussion ensued regarding a cost of living increase for all employees.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

\* City of Washington Tax Levy

A public hearing will be held on August 22, 2022, 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>CITY OF WASHINGTON</u>	
	<i>PROPOSED TAX YEAR</i>	<i>PRIOR TAX YEAR</i>
<i>Real Estate</i>	\$325,998,624	\$321,320,320
<i>Personal Property</i>	<u>84,568,737</u>	<u>70,221,712</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$410,567,361	\$391,542,032

Based on Missouri State statutes, the permitted 2022 tax levy for the general operating levy of the City of Washington is \$0.5641 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

<i>FUND</i>	<i>TAX REVENUE FOR 2022-2023</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX RATE</i>	<i>PRIOR YEAR TAX REVENUE</i>	<i>INCREASE (DECREASE)</i>
<i>General Fund</i>	\$2,316,010	\$0.5641/\$100	\$2,208,690	\$107,320

<i>ASSESSED VALUATION</i>	<u>CITY OF WASHINGTON - LIBRARY DISTRICT</u>	
	<i>PROPOSED TAX YEAR</i>	<i>PRIOR TAX YEAR</i>
<i>Real Estate</i>	\$130,067,759	\$128,039,906
<i>Personal Property</i>	<u>31,598,669</u>	<u>27,263,967</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$161,666,428	\$155,303,873

Based on Missouri State statutes, the permitted 2022 tax levy for the general operating levy of the City of Washington – Library District is \$0.1909 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

<i>FUND</i>	<i>TAX REVENUE FOR 2022-2023</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX RATE</i>	<i>PRIOR YEAR TAX REVENUE</i>	<i>INCREASE (DECREASE)</i>
<i>Library Fund</i>	\$308,621	\$0.1909/\$100	\$297,240	\$11,380

MAXIMUM ALLOWED, BY MO STATE STATUES:

TOTAL OF BOTH TAX LEVIES: \$0.7550/\$100

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

CITY OF WASHINGTON, MISSOURI

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**Sprung:** Okay, so included in your packet tonight is the information for the Public Hearing. The assessed valuation for the City of Washington, the total assessed valuation from Franklin County for the proposed tax year came in at 410,567,361. Based on Missouri State Statues, the permitted 2022 tax levy for the general operating levy for the City of Washington is .5641 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

For the fiscal year 2023 for the general fund, that would be approximately \$2,316,010 of tax revenue. Compared to last year, that's basically an increase of \$107,320 which is basically 4.8%.

**Wessels:** Mary, what was the rate last year?

**Sprung:** Same thing.

**Wessels:** Same rate?

**Sprung:** Yes.

**Wessels:** Okay.

**Sprung:** For the Library District, the assessed valuation for Franklin County is 161,666,428, which for the 2022 tax levy for the Library District would be .1909 per \$100 of assessed valuation. That results in tax revenue for 2023 of \$308,621, which is approximately \$11,380 increase, which is 3.8%.

Both tax rates combined the maximum allowed by Missouri State Statues for both of the total tax levies would be .7550 per \$100 of assessed valuation. So that would be what I would be proposing would be to assess that at the maximum allowed.

**Holtmeier:** Mary, do you know, I know our Library District a lot of for the new guys, can you tell them where, do you know where the Library District lines are? Darren, do you know?

**Lamb:** *Inaudible*

**Sprung:** I do know it goes to Stafford, I do know that.

**Lamb:** *Inaudible*

**Sprung:** Nelson's not here?

**Holtmeier:** Just to let you guys know that.

**Lamb:** Nelson's at a Library Board Meeting.

**Holtmeier:** Thank you.

**Patke:** I think it's the right thing to do to keep the tax levy the same as last year and if there's a Public Hearing but feel free.

**Behr:** So just looking back through history as the new guy, looks like we went down two three years ago. Does that sound right, and it's held the same? This would be the third year maybe at this rate? I'm testing your memory, I'm sorry.

**Sprung:** Second year at this rate.

**Behr:** So last year it went down?

**Sprung:** Yes, if the assessed valuation goes up then the tax rate goes down because they have an inverse relationship.

**Behr:** Okay.

**Sprung:** Because you basically, your tax revenue the way the Hancock Amendment works is the tax revenue stays basically the same. You can only grow based on your new construction and anything that's annexed in. If you have in a non-assessed year or in an assessment year, then

if your assessed valuation goes up then in it usually drives your tax rate down. So a lot of times they can work different ways.

**Wessels:** There's not a lot of creativity in the whole...

**Behr:** No.

**Sprung:** Sometimes when you're like, well why did my tax rate go down but my taxes went up? That's usually what we hear a lot of.

**Behr:** Okay.

**Sprung:** It doesn't always work that way.

**Behr:** Thank you.

**Sprung:** Just so you know, the new construction this year, I have that too, sometimes people ask that, for the general fund was 3,102,229 and for the Library District, it was \$1,105,852. That was the amount of new construction that got added onto the tax rolls.

**Hagedorn:** We'll entertain a motion.

**Klekamp:** It's a Public Hearing.

**Patke:** Public Hearing.

**Lamb:** *Inaudible*

**Hagedorn:** Sorry, to the floor. Anyone wish to comment?

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

**Bill No. 22-12649, Ordinance No. 22-13609, an ordinance levying and imposing for the calendar year 2022 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 Patke.

After a brief discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Holtmeier-aye, Patke-aye, Briggs-aye, Wessels-aye, Hidritch-aye, Reed-aye, Behr-aye, Coulter-absent.

**REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

\* Show Me Zero Program Agreement

*August 16, 2022*

*Mayor Doug Hagedorn*

*City Council Members*

*RE: Show Me Zero Program Agreement*

*Honorable Mayor and City Council,*

*A couple years ago under the direction of Chief Menefee, the department sought out grant resources to replace our aging mapping equipment and software for accident reconstruction and crime scene mapping. The department was denied the grant request from the original source. However, Sgt. Mike Grissom diligently sought other grant funding for the project through the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. Under the Show Me Zero Program, the department was awarded the grant with funding of \$41,762. This amount includes a new total station, data collector, mapping software, and training for several officers on the new equipment.*

*This is a 100% funded grant agreement. However, please note that when Sgt. Grissom originally began the process of completing the grant application, he received a quote from the supplier that totaled \$41,762, which was included in the grant. As is typical with the grant process, there was a delay before we were notified of the award. Due to the time that has passed since the original quote (more than 90 days) the cost of the equipment increased slightly. An updated quote totaled \$43,572. In order to take advantage of the awarded funds, the city will be responsible for the total difference of \$1,780.*

*I have submitted the amount for the 2022-23 budget. I recommend that we move forward with this grant opportunity. \$1,780 is a small price to pay to have the most up to date equipment, software and training to properly investigate motor vehicle crashes and crime scenes.*

*Respectfully,*

*Jim Armstrong, Chief of Police*

After a brief discussion, a motion to move forward with the agreement made by Councilmember Hidritch, seconded by Councilmember Briggs, passed without dissent.

\*Councilmember Hidritch requested a list of employees and their salaries.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn made at 6:58 p.m. by Councilmember Holtmeier, seconded by Councilmember Patke passed without dissent.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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President of City Council

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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Mayor of Washington, Missouri