

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023**

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS:**

The Special Meeting of the City of Washington, Missouri, City Council was held on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 6:00 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: Ward I</b>	Al Behr	Present
	Duane Reed	Present
<b>Ward II</b>	Mark Hidritch	Present
	Mark Wessels	Absent
<b>Ward III</b>	Chad Briggs	Present
	Jeff Patke	Present
<b>Ward IV</b>	Mike Coulter	Present
	Joe Holtmeier	Absent

<b>Also Present:</b>	City Administrator	Darren Lamb
	City Clerk	Sherri Klekamp
	Police Chief	Jim Armstrong
	Human Resources Manager	Shauna Pfitzinger
	Finance Director	Mary Sprung
	Communications Director	Jennifer Brune

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.

**PRIORITY ITEMS:**

\* Budget Workshop

City Administrator Darren Lamb discussed cost of living and merit increases for all employees. Discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

\* City of Washington Tax Levy

*A public hearing will be held on August 28, 2023, 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:*

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<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>	\$349,941,585	\$325,998,624
<i>Personal Property</i>	<u>80,071,832</u>	<u>84,568,737</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$430,013,417</b>	<b>\$410,567,361</b>

Based on Missouri State statutes, the permitted 2023 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 2023-2024</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX RATE</i>	<i>PRIOR YEAR TAX REVENUE</i>	<i>INCREASE (DECREASE)</i>
<i>General Fund</i>	\$2,369,791	\$0.5641/\$100	\$2,313,122	\$56,669 2.5%

<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>	\$140,029,698	\$130,067,759
<i>Personal Property</i>	<u>30,061,419</u>	<u>31,598,669</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$170,091,117</b>	<b>\$161,666,428</b>

Based on Missouri State statutes, the permitted 2023 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 2023-2024</i>	<i>PROPOSED TAX RATE</i>	<i>PRIOR YEAR TAX REVENUE</i>	<i>INCREASE (DECREASE)</i>
<i>Library Fund</i>	\$320,562	\$0.1909/\$100	\$307,651	\$12,911 4.2%

*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*

*Publish in The Missourian, Weekend edition, August 18-19, 2023 and in the August 23, 2023 edition.*

**Lamb:** Mary’s coming up.

**Sprung:** Okay, included in your packet is an ordinance for levying and imposing the tax levy for both the City of Washington and the Library District as well.

So, for the City of Washington the total assessed valuation this year came in at \$430,013,417. What is permitted for the 2023 Tax Levy is .5641, a rate of .5641 per \$100 of

assessed valuation. That will bring tax revenue of \$2,369,791, which is an increase of approximately 57,000 or 2.5% over last year.

And the same information for the Library District. The proposed year for assessed valuation from Franklin County is \$170,091,117 and then that allows us to do a levy of .1909 per \$100 of assessed valuation. That will bring in a tax revenue for next budget year of \$320,562, which is approximately \$13,000 over the year before and for them it was a 4.2% increase.

So, both tax levies together would be .7550 per \$100 of assessed valuation. So, that is my recommendation to go with the maximum allowed by State Statute. Does anybody have any questions?

**Hagedorn:** I need a motion to accept it into the minutes.

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

**Hagedorn:** Okay.

**Lamb:** It's a Public Hearing so you have to open the floor.

**Hagedorn:** Sure. I open the floor for anyone who's interested in commenting on the tax rate. Thank you, Mary.

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

**Bill No. 23-12866, Ordinance No. 23-13832, an ordinance levying and imposing for the calendar year 2023 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.

With no further discussion, the ordinance was read a second time and approved on the following vote; Behr-aye, Briggs-aye, Reed-aye, Patke-aye, Hidritch-aye, Coulter-aye, Holtmeier-absent, Wessels-absent.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

\* Next Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 5, 2023, due to the Labor Day Holiday

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn made at 6:26 p.m. by Councilmember Patke, seconded by Councilmember Briggs 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