

**City of Morehead
Minutes of
Regular Meeting of Board of City Council
October 09, 2023 6:00 PM
Morehead Police and 911 Facility 309 West Main Street Conference Room**

The Board of City Council of the City of Morehead, Kentucky met in regular session on October 09, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Morehead Police and 911 Facility 309 West Main Street Conference Room.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Laura White-Brown called to order the September 11, 2023, regular called meeting of the Board of City Council at 6:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Attendance

Present Council Members:

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin
Ms. Jan Bishop
Mr. Lincoln Caudill
Ms. Beth Ousley
Mr. David Perkins
Dr. Edna Schack

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

4.a. September 11, 2023

4.b. October 02, 2023

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 11, 2023, regular scheduled meeting, and October 2, 2023, special called meeting passed with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Ms. Beth Ousley.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

Mayor White-Brown recognized the Viking Ambassadors from the Rowan County Senior High School. The Viking Ambassadors were introduced and explained a little bit about the program.

5. Public Comments

5.a. Other Public Comments

Mayor White-Brown recognized that there were people wanting to speak regarding the property tax rate that is later on the agenda. Mayor White-Brown announced that now would be the time to speak about the property tax rate and that there would be a time limit of 10 minutes.

Chuck Mraz spoke to the council regarding the proposed tax rate for citizens. Mr. Mraz explained his opposition to the proposed tax rate for the citizens and requested that the council not pass the tax increase.

Damon Ballinger addressed the council regarding the way that the tax rate proposal had gone about being approved. Mr. Ballinger said that the system by which the public was notified needs to be corrected.

Tammy Caudill questioned the council regarding the ambulance service, landlord taxes, the promise of a pool and the drug rehabs paying taxes. Ms. Caudill discussed that the county offered to put in a pool. Ms. Caudill also discussed the Laughlin building needing to be cleaned.

Greta Poe addressed the council regarding Occupational Taxes and how much revenue the city brings in and where is the money going to be spent that this tax will generate.

6. Mayor's Report

Mayor White-Brown passed some paperwork to the attending citizens that listed Morehead Utility Plant Board projects and some statistics on water and sewer rates and how they compare to cities surrounding our city. Mayor White-Brown explained the comparison and described the charts that were passed out.

Mayor White-Brown spoke to the citizens regarding the property tax rates and displayed a chart showing the effect that the proposed rate change would have on the individual citizen.

Mayor White-Brown explained to the attendees that there is Kentucky Statute that outlines how we advertise to the public and the steps that cities take when they are proposing the 4% increase in revenue for property taxes and that the city followed those steps.

Mayor White-Brown then spoke to the attendees addressing all the questions that had arisen at the public hearing. Mayor White-Brown also explained to the attendees what the revenue has been spent on and the big projects that the city has done in her tenure. Mayor White-Brown also explained that the city works directly with Kentucky League of Cities and that they recommend that cities take the 4% increase in revenue every year.

Mayor White-Brown explained that there would need to be significant cuts in services that the city provides if this tax does not get passed.

Mayor White-Brown reported that the council has a letter in their packet and that it is an official request to take in Silver Street form some of the residents. Mayor White-Brown noted that at this

time we still need a few additional numbers from the Morehead Utility Plant Board to get a total of what that would cost. Mayor White-Brown reported that the council would look at this next month.

Mayor White-Brown reported that the council has all the department reports in their packet and if they have questions to feel free to meet with the department heads to discuss.

7. Quarterly Reports

8. Morehead Utility Plant Board Report

Holly Rosas was not present to report. The council received the written report in their packets.

9. Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce

Jason Slone reported for the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce with a full breakdown including membership, events, and the planning for the upcoming Annual Banquet. Mr. Slone also reported regarding the upcoming Spring Workforce conference, which is a two-day event.

Mr. Slone reported for the Economic Development Council and MMRC including the update on the Rajant Building and the Build Ready Site that was completed in August 2023. Mr. Jason Slone also reported on the Downtown Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Plan.

10. Future Growth/Development/Projects for The City

Mr. Rodney Fouch reported for Future Growth/Development/Projects for the city including updates on food trucks and building permits. Mr. Fouch reported that he is working on the plans for Huey Magoo's and that Thoroughbred Car Wash has started moving ground. Mr. Rodney Fouch reported that the Rowan County Ambulance service is getting close to completion. Mr. Fouch also reported regarding the First Street project and the Greensinks Project.

11. Ratification of Payment of Monthly Bills/Statements

Motion Passed: Motion to ratify payment of the monthly bills and statements passed with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

12. General Business Agenda

12.a. Unfinished Business

12.a.1. 2nd Reading of An Ordinance Enacting And Adopting A Supplement To The Code of Ordinances of The City of Morehead, Kentucky

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 2nd Reading of An Ordinance Enacting And Adopting A Supplement To The Code of Ordinances of The City of Morehead, Kentucky with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Mr. David Perkins.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

12.a.2. 2nd Reading of An Ordinance Setting The 2023 Real And Personal Property Tax Rates For The City of Morehead, Kentucky And Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Sections 94.03 Rates And 94.05 Payment of Taxes of The City of Morehead Code of Ordinances

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 2nd Reading of An Ordinance Setting The 2023 Real And Personal Property Tax Rates For The City of Morehead, Kentucky And Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Sections 94.03 Rates And 94.05 Payment of Taxes of The City of Morehead Code of Ordinances with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop setting the rate at .41 cents per \$100.00 for real and 74.91 cents per \$100.00 for personal property.

Mayor White-Brown shared with the citizens and the council regarding revenues and expenditures for the last few years. Mayor White-Brown also discussed a few points that were brought up in the public hearing that had been held the week prior including questions that had been raised regarding the revenues and expenditures. Mayor White-Brown continued discussing where the revenues would possibly be spent if the increase passes.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	No
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	No

12.a.3. 2nd Reading Of An Ordinance Setting The 2024 Motor Vehicle And Watercraft Tax Rate For The City of Morehead, Kentucky And Amending Title 9 General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Section 94.06 Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Tax Rate Assessment of The City of Morehead Code of Ordinances

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 2nd Reading Of An Ordinance Setting The 2024 Motor Vehicle And Watercraft Tax Rate For The City of Morehead, Kentucky And Amending Title 9

General Regulations, Chapter 94 Ad Valorem Tax, Section 94.06 Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Tax Rate Assessment of The City of Morehead Code of Ordinances with a motion by Mr. David Perkins and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop setting the rate at .22 cents per \$100.00.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

12.b. New Business

12.b.1. 1st Reading Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Amending Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 73 Traffic Schedules, Schedule II: Stop Intersections Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky By Removing The Stop Sign On Elizabeth Avenue At The Intersection With East Second Street

Motion Passed: Motion to Approve 1st Reading Of An Ordinance Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Amending Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 73 Traffic Schedules, Schedule II: Stop Intersections Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky By Removing The Stop Sign On Elizabeth Avenue At The Intersection With East Second Street with a motion by Ms. Jan Bishop and seconded by Dr. Edna Schack.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	Yes
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

12.b.2. A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Updating The Standard Operating Procedures For The Morehead Police Department

Motion Passed: Motion To Approve A Municipal Order Of The City Of Morehead, Kentucky Updating The Standard Operating Procedures For The Morehead Police Department with a motion by Ms. Beth Ousley and seconded by Ms. Jan Bishop.

There was a brief discussion regarding the policy and the usage of FLOCK cameras and training for the system.

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin	Yes
Ms. Jan Bishop	Yes
Mr. Lincoln Caudill	No
Ms. Beth Ousley	Yes
Mr. David Perkins	Yes
Dr. Edna Schack	Yes

13. Other City Business: Old or New

Dr. Yvonne Baldwin held a brief discussion regarding property taxes and the rate that was proposed.

Mayor White-Brown reported that October 31, 2023, will be Say Boo To Drugs and Trick or Treat and that the Harvest Festival will be the weekend before.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was properly adjourned at 7:25PM.

Board of City Council
Morehead, Kentucky

Approved by City Council
on November 13, 2023
ATTEST:

Laura White-Brown, Mayor

Helen Smith, City Clerk