

CITY OF CHILlicothe
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
October 22, 2018

The City Council of the City of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Illinois, held a Public Hearing on October 22, 2018 at 6:30pm with Mayor Donald Z. White presiding.

Mayor White announced that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider and hear testimony, regarding a Proposed Property Tax levy Increase for the City of Chillicothe.

The proposed Tax Levy for 2018 is \$764,213.17. This represents a 14.74% increase over the previous year. The estimated Tax Levy for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 are \$0.

All Citizens were invited to attend and to provide the Council with written or oral comments, and to ask questions concerning the Proposed Property Tax Increase.

Mayor White and Office Manager Passage gave a power point presentation. The presentation is attached to the minutes.

There were approximately 10 elected officials and city employees in attendance. There were approximately 2 concerned citizens attending the Public Hearing. A copy of the sign-sheet attached to Minutes.

Lee Nordstrom appeared before the Council with questions regarding the Tax Levy and how it was affected by the proposed Fire District. Mayor White addressed his questions.

Janet Sharp appeared before the Council with questions regarding the Tax Levy. Mrs. sharp questioned why there did not have to be a referendum. Mayor White informed her that the increase was under the amount needed to go to referendum. Mrs. Sharp voiced concern on the effect the Tax Levy will have on the upcoming vote for the Fire District. Mrs. Sharp questioned the Council if they were "tightening their belt" in the upcoming budget.

Alderman Hughes questioned if there was an urgency to pass the Tax Levy. Office Manager informed the Council that the Tax Levy has to be passed before December of every year.

Alderman Connor informed the Council that she had citizens contact her with concerns.

Mr. Nordstrom informed the Council that he felt the proposed Tax Levy information should be out for review to the public before the Public Hearing. Mr. Nordstrom was informed by Office Manager Passage that the information was posted on the City website and published in the local newspaper on October 10, 2018.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:00 pm

Margaret E. Hurd
City Clerk