

MINUTES OF THE ANKENY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, April 1, 2024

Ankeny Kirkendall Library - City Council Chambers

Mark Holm, Mayor

Bobbi Bentz, Mayor Pro tem

Council Members: Jeff Perry, Joe Ruddy, Todd Shafer, Kelly Stearns

Mayor Holm called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Council Members Bobbi Bentz, Jeff Perry, Joe Ruddy, and Kelly Stearns were present. Council Member Todd Shafer joined the meeting electronically. City Manager David Jones was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Council Member Perry moved, Bentz seconded, to approve and accept the April 1, 2024 agenda without amendment. Ayes: 5.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. PH 2024-19. Mayor Holm announced this is the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed property tax levy for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Notice of this hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on the 20th day of March, 2024.

Written correspondence from Dirk Jablonski was received and filed.

David Jones, City Manager, explained that this new public hearing, which replaces previous year's hearings, was approved during the 2023 legislative session. In addition to this new public hearing, every tax payer should have received a notice of hearing from the Polk County Auditor, which was prescribed by law. Jones discussed the significant increase in residential property assessed valuations and how the rollback addresses that increase. The city's current property tax rate is \$9.90 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. The proposed property tax rate is \$9.90. The reason for maintaining the rate is to maintain service levels; constructing, staffing, and equipping Fire Station No. 4; address significant inflation; and the cumulative impact of property tax legislation. Examples of annual financial impact to residential and commercial property tax payers were shown.

Mayor Holm then asked for any public comment regarding the proposed property tax levy. Dirk Jablonski addressed council, stating that the Auditor's statement was confusing, property tax revenue increased, and asked council to think about everyone addressing inflation before approving the levy. Steve Boal inquired about the new value and asked "What did we grow?" Jones responded that new properties are on tax rolls and the new revenue includes those properties. Council Member Bentz moved, Perry seconded, to close public hearing 2024-19. Ayes: 5.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

Mark E. Holm, Mayor

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