

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI
BOARD OF ALDERMAN WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pat Kelly called the special meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Board Council Room of Brentwood City Hall located at 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144 and immediately led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Pittman performed roll:

Alderman Harper	Absent	Alderman Leahy	Present
Alderman Wynn	Present	Alderman Manestar	Absent
Alderman Robertson	Present	Alderman Saunders	Present
Alderman Kramer	Present	Mayor Kelly	Present
Alderman Toohey	Present		

Members present constituted a quorum. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Bola Akande, City Attorney Frank Albrecht, Finance Director Gina Jarvis, and Deputy City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

PUBLIC HEARING

Establishing the 2013 Rate of Tax Levy

A hearing was conducted to allow citizens an opportunity to voice their opinion regarding the 2013 proposed rate of tax levy per \$100 assessed valuation.

	Residential	Commercial	Personal Property	Est. Revenue
General Fund	\$0	\$.2000	\$.2070	\$ 263,433
Library Fund	\$.2130	\$.2200	\$.2290	\$ 572,818
Pension Fund	\$.3880	\$.4110	\$.3850	\$1,042,850
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$.6010	\$.8310	\$.8210	\$1,879,101

Karen Smith, Harrison, questioned if there was any increase from the previous year. It was explained that the rates were set at the maximum last year and again in this year. There is an increase however from last year; when the assessed valuation decreases you are allowed to capture the increase from the consumer price index and other assessments from reconstruction within city limits. She also offered comments salaries not meeting expenses personally and needing to make adjustments and offered suggestions of the city looking for ways to change how we do business as well.

Mayor Kelly pointed out that with the exception of commercial rates; the city isn't assessing any taxes against residents for general fund or debt service.

BILL #5792 – An Ordinance To Confirm, Ratify And Approve The Rate Of Tax To Be Assessed And Collected For Each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) Of Assessed Valuation For The Year 2013 For: (A) General Municipal Purposes; (B) To Provide The Annual Contribution To The City Of Brentwood’s Police And Firemen’s Retirement Fund; (C) To Pay Principal And Interest As The Same Matures On Indebtedness Of The City Of

Brentwood Evidenced By Bonds; (D) To Pay For The Maintenance Of The Public Library Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance; And Providing For The Repeal Of All Conflicting Ordinances – 1st & 2nd Reading

Alderman Wynn made a motion for the readings of Bill #5792. Motion seconded by Alderman Leahy. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.** Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5792 by title only. A discussion was held regarding comments that the school district opted not to charge as much as they could and tax rates would be higher to residents if not for the business district. It was also noted that protests to reduce real estate values impacts neighboring properties due to the ability to offset those reductions. Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5792 by title only. Alderman Wynn made a motion to perfect Bill #5792 into ordinance form. Motion seconded by Alderman Leahy. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – absent; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – absent; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.** Alderwoman Saunders commented that the Brentwood School District Superintendent was in the audience and they are backing their tax rate 12¢.

BILL #5792 IS HEREBY PASSED AND ORDINANCE #4459 IS ASSIGNED TO SAID BILL.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Leahy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. Motion seconded by Alderman Wynn. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Approved with corrections the 7th day of October, 2013.

Attest:

Pat Kelly, Mayor

Bola Akande, City Clerk/Administrator