

**Caucus Meeting
September 11, 2019**

Mayor Jansen called the September 11, 2019 City of Villa Hills Caucus meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Dennis M. Stein Municipal Building, 719 Rogers Road, Villa Hills, Kentucky. The pledge was led by the Mayor. Those in attendance:

**Mayor Jansen
R. Baehner
J. Cahill
S. Ringo
C. Stover
S. Thompson
S. Wadsworth**

**Bryce Rhoades, Assistant City Attorney
Craig T. Bohman, City Administrator/Clerk
Chief of Police Bryan Allen
Public Works Director Buck Yelton**

A quorum was present.

First item on the agenda was a public hearing on the 2019 Tax Rate.

Public Hearing on proposed 2019 Tax Rate:

Mr. Bohman gave a presentation on the proposed tax rate. He stated that the property tax rate last year was 23 cents per \$100 valuation and the calculated compensating rate is 22.9 cents per \$100 of valuation. He reported that the compensating rate is the rate that will generate the same amount of property tax revenue as the prior year. Mr. Bohman said the proposed rate is to keep the 23 cents per \$100 rate which will result in a 0.4% increase and raise an additional \$7,000 per year. He reported that the compensating rate and proposed rate for Personal Property tax is 7.2 cents per \$100 and 7.3 cents per \$100 respectively.

Mr. Tom Wenning of 1076 Carpenters Trace addressed the Mayor and Council and questioned approving a 0.4% rate versus a larger increase in overall expenses and suggested that Council take a larger increase not to exceed the 4% allowable rate. Mr. Baehner and Mr. Ringo replied that taking such an increase was considered but that other revenue streams were growing and covered the expense increase.

The next item on the agenda was Legislation.

Legislation:

2nd Reading and approval of Ord 2019-G: This is an Ordinance of the City of Villa Hills setting the real property tax rate at 23 cents per \$100 of valuation and a personal property tax rate of 7.3 cents per \$100 of valuation.

- Mr. Rhoades gave the 2nd reading of Ord 2019-G. Mr. Cahill made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Baehner. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Baehner	Yes	Ms. Stover	Yes
Mr. Cahill	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes
Mr. Ringo	Yes	Ms. Wadsworth	Yes

Passed 6-0. This will become Ordinance 2019-7.

2nd Reading and approval of Ord 2019-H: This is an Ordinance of the City of Villa Hills amending the Non-Civil Service Pay and Classification plan.

- Mr. Rhoades gave the 2nd reading of Ord 2019-H. Mr. Thompson inquired if the Administration committee was still working on other revisions. Mayor Jansen replied that the committee is continuing its job analysis of the office positions. Ms. Stover stated that this ordinance only addresses the one employee who was not able to receive the full 3% raise and that recommendations will be brought forward in enough time to be addressed in the budget process.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Stover. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Baehner	Yes	Ms. Stover	Yes
Mr. Cahill	Yes	Mr. Thompson	Yes
Mr. Ringo	Yes	Ms. Wadsworth	Yes

Passed 6-0. This will become Ordinance 2019-8.

The next item on the agenda was an update on Resolution 2019-12 Climate Change policies.

- Mr. Bohman reported that the draft of Resolution 2019-12 presented to Council in their packets is the signed version of the resolution on file in the city records. He asked for direction if Council wanted to revisit the resolution at the meeting next week.
- Mr. Baehner stated he is opposed to any reference to HR-763 but wanted to give any Councilmembers who wanted to include that language in the resolution the opportunity to do so. Mr. Ringo noted that the only thing missing in the resolution is the specific reference to HR-763 that the citizen group requested. Ms. Wadsworth strongly objected to including the reference to HR-763 because it was not in the draft. Discussion between Ms. Wadsworth and Mr. Ringo regarding the inclusion of the reference to HR-763 continued back and forth for several minutes. Mr. Ringo noted that the inclusion of the reference to the federal legislation was run past legal and based on the presentation made by the citizen group it was deemed appropriate. Mr. Baehner stated he does not support HR-763. Additional discussion followed. Mr. Thompson stated he would have voted for the resolution with the reference HR-763. Mr. Cahill requested that anytime Council is asked to consider endorsing a piece of other legislation, the draft of the legislation should be given to Council in advance.
- Upon conclusion of the discussion consensus emerged to leave the original draft of the resolution without the reference to HR-763 in place.

- Mayor Jansen also confirmed that going forward all legislation will be voted on as received by Councilmembers prior to each meeting. Any changes to the legislation after voting will be sent back to Council for additional consideration.

The next item on the agenda was general discussion/other items.

General Discussion:

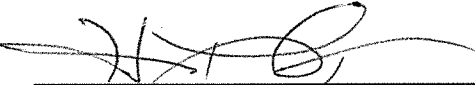
- There was no general discussion.

With there being no further discussion or comments, a motion was made by Ms. Stover, seconded by Mr. Thompson to adjourn. Motion carried voice vote all in favor.

Time of adjournment was 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig T. Bohman, City Administrator/Clerk



Heather H. Jansen, Mayor