

City of West Buechel
Meeting Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
August 9, 2016

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order, welcomed all the guests, City Council, Police Officers, and the City Attorney, Casey McCall. Councilman Mattingly led us in prayer and Chief Sharp led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Gary Sharp announced two police officers, Seagent Jim Sherrard and Officer Dennis Clark are to be honored with a life saving reward. This award is for their work in the previous month where they were called to a scene with a man down. The subject had overdosed on drugs and had no pulse and was not breathing when they arrived. The officers administered CPR and drug overdose antidote medicine and were able to bring the man back to life. The officers were presented with the life saving plaques for their heroic work and a job well done. Chief Sharp thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the police department.

The mayor asked the clerk to take roll call; Councilwoman Mosely - present; Councilman Mattingly - present; Councilwoman Crawford - present; Councilwoman Bierbaum - present; Councilman Crawford - present; Councilman Clark - present.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Mayor Richards asked if the Council had any questions and/or comments on the minutes from the last meeting on July 12, 2016; there were none. Mayor Richards asked for a Motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bierbaum and seconded by Councilwoman Mosely - Minutes approved.

CHECK REGISTER APPROVAL

Mayor Richards asked for questions and/or discussions on the check register. There were several questions/discussions presented which were answered and/or explained by the Mayor and the City Clerk. Motion was made by Councilwoann Bierbaum to accept the check register, and seconded by Councilwoman Mosely, check register approved.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-2017

Councilwoman Bierbaum prepared a proposed budget and presented it to the council in the previous month. At that time, it was decided to table the issue in order to allow all time to review the proposal. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the prior budget preparation and administration, with each member having different opinions as to how to come to a budget for the coming year. Mayor Richards advised the Council that it is their statutory duty to do this task and they need to get together and come up with a solution on this matter. Further, he stated that there would be no more discussion on the budget until the Council did so.

The Mayor gave the floor to Jonathan Smith. He passed out a handout to the members of the Council. He explained that he has researched the fact that the City's revenue has decreased. He stated that the Council budgeted to spend over \$351,000 more than the amount of revenue expected to receive. Other budget mistakes such as overbudgeting on road aid revenue, expenses of camera & alarm system, and buding improvements on the police department building, and no allowance for code enforcement all take the deficit to almost \$650,000. Finally, he stated that the City's decrease in revenue is going to catch up and eventually, the City will run out of surplus cash. Some expenditures can be cut, but that will not be enough to cover the huge deficit. His suggestion is to change the net receipts tax to gross receipts to greatly increase revenue.

Mayor asked if anyone wished to make a motion to pass the proposed budget, there was none.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX

An Ordinance to set the ad valorem tax rate as the same as it was previously of 20 cents per one hundred was introduced by Councilwoman Bierbaum. Motion was made to pass the the Ordinance by Councilwoman Bierabum and seconded by Councilwoman Mosely. Attorney Casey McCall read the Ordinance aloud. Councilman Crawford made a motion to amend the proposed Ordinance; specifically to amend the tax rate to 10 cents per one hundred. Councilwoman Bierbaum rejected the motion to amend, leaving the Ordinance as written. Mayor Richards asked the Clerk to take a straw vote. Councilman Clark - yea; Councilman Crawford - nay; Councilwoman Bierbaum - yea; Councilwoman Crawford - nay; Councilman Mattingly - yea; Councilwoman Mosely - yea. The vote is four to two in favor of passing the Ordiannce. The second reading of this Ordinance will be at the next meeting in September.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND NET RECEIPTS TAX TO GROSS RECEIPTS

Councilwoman Bierbaum asked that this matter be tabled until the next meeting and made a motion to that effect. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Mosely, Ordinance tabled.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Sharp presented his monthly report. Councilwoman Bierbaum announced that her uncle smokes meat and wishes to prepare a meal for the City in appreciation of the police department sometime in September. Also, she stated that she is working on organizing a car and motorcycle show and wants the proceeds to go to the Shop With A Cop program.

OPEN FLOOR FOR RESIDENTS AND GUESTS

There were no guests who wished to speak.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

Mayor Richards asked for a Motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Clark and seconded by Councilman Crawford; meeting adjourned.

9-15-16

Date



MAYOR RICK RICHARDS

9/15/2016

Date



KIM RICHARDS, CITY CLERK/TREASURER