

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
AUGUST 30, 2010

The Excelsior Springs City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in a Special Session at 5:00 PM Monday, August 30, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carolyn Schutte.

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Schutte, Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman, Councilman Fousek, Councilman Parker and Councilman Nelson.

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING, PROPERTY TAX RATE: (Tape A12-278)

Councilman Nelson made a motion to open a Public Hearing for the Special Council Meeting on August 30, 2010 for the City of Excelsior Springs, Mo. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Nelson, Parker, Fousek, Buckman, Schutte

Nays: None, motion carried.

A Public Hearing was opened.

Steve Marriott, Director of Administrative Services, read the following prepared statement:

“Madam Mayor and Members of the City Council: Each year we calculate the City’s tax rate ceiling per the Hancock Amendment and have those calculations verified by the State Auditor’s Office. Based upon those calculations, the City’s maximum tax levies for 2010 are allowed to increase to:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>2010 Levy</u>
General Revenue	\$0.6229
Parks	0.1752
Recreation	0.1752
Hospital	<u>0.1752</u>
Total	\$1,1485

This results in a 5.75 cent (or 5.27 percent) increase in the City’s tax rate from 2009. The City’s total assessed value declined by approximately \$6,005,000 (4.34 percent), as follows:

- Personal Property Assessed Values declined by 9.49 percent.
- Real estate Assessed Values declined by 3.04 percent.
- Railroad and Utility Assessed Values increased by 2.83 percent.

The tax calculations performed under the Hancock Amendment strive to keep tax revenues flat while allowing for growth due to new construction, annexations, etc. Anytime that the growth in assessed values is lower than the inflation rate set by the State Tax Commission, maximum tax levies will increase as long as the City has room under the maximum authorized levy. I spoke to Cathy Rhinehart regarding these changes and found that they were in line with those experienced by the rest of Clay County.”

Mr. James Beeson, 107 Southside Court, addressed the Council. James stated that every time his assessed value goes down, his taxes go up. He further asked "when is the government going to be responsible" with the economy being so bad.

Councilman Fousek advised Beeson that his county taxes go up because of the school taxes. Mayor Schutte stated that the Hancock Amendment will not allow the City to raise taxes.

With no other person wishing to be heard during Public Hearing, Councilman Fousek made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the Special Council Meeting on August 30, 2010 for the City of Excelsior Springs. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Parker, Fousek, Nelson, Buckman, Schutte

Nays: None, motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE #10-08-08, APPROVAL OF TAX RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2010: (Tape A279-326)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #10-08-08.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #10-08-08, to levy general and special taxes on the City of Excelsior Springs for the tax year 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Fousek, Nelson, Parker, Buckman, Schutte

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #10-08-08.

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Ordinance #10-08-08, to levy general and special taxes on the City of Excelsior Springs for the tax year 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Nelson, Parker, Fousek, Buckman, Schutte

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #10-08-08 passed and approved August 30, 2010.

ORDINANCE #10-08-09, APPROVAL REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF UNDERWRITERS: (Tape A327-471)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #10-08-09.

Steve Marriott read the following prepared statement to the Council:

Madam Mayor and Members of the City Council: On July 7th RFQ packets were mailed to twenty-two underwriters listed in the Red Book. Responses were due by July 22nd at 1:00 PM. The City received responses from Stern Brothers, Oppenheimer, and a joint response from Stifel, Nicolaus and Company and D.A. Davidson and Company. The three responses were evaluated based upon the firm's capacity to handle the bonds, the firm's ability to obtain the best interest rates for the City in

the market (a factor of the firm's size), the firm's marketing plan, or more specifically the local focus of the marketing plan, the approximate amount of the Underwriter's discount, and other considerations given in the proposal.

Based upon review by the City Manager, Deborah Polk and myself, we are recommending that the City contract with Stifel Nicolaus and D. A. Davidson to jointly underwrite the bonds.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #10-08-09, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Excelsior Springs and Stifel, Nicholas & Company, Incorporated, and D. A. Davidson & Co., regarding the Appointment of Underwriters. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Parker, Fousek, Nelson, Buckman, Schutte

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #10-08-09.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Ordinance #10-08-09, authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Excelsior Springs and Stifel, Nicholas & Company, Incorporated, and D. A. Davidson & Co., regarding the Appointment of Underwriters. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Fousek, Nelson, Parker, Buckman

Nays: Schutte. Motion carried.

Ordinance #10-08-09 passed and approved August 30, 2010.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the Special Council Meeting in order to go into a Budget Work Session.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

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