

**Westphalia Board of Aldermen**  
**Public Hearing - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2023**

The Westphalia Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Tammy Massman at 6:00 p.m. to host the public hearing for setting the 2023 tax rate levy. Roll Call was taken. Aldermen present were: Delbert Wieberg, Stanley Heckman, Jake Plassmeyer and Lori Asel. Also present at the meeting were UD reporter-Theresa Brandt, sewer operator-Curtis Wheat of Mid Mo Operations, and area residents Joyce Weber, Nicki Bax Levert, Sue Lauberth, and Bill and BJ Rodeman.

Mayor Massman next highlighted the process that would follow for the public hearing and regular board meeting portions. Massman continued noting that the public hearing portion of the meeting is a platform for citizens to voice any concerns or opinions regarding the tax levy topic. The City Council members will listen to all public comments. Gallery members were instructed that if they desired to offer any comments; to please state their names prior to addressing the council.

Alderman Lori Asel made a motion to open the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stanley Heckman. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes and Lori Asel-yes.

Mayor Massman acknowledged that the 2023 tax rate levy proposal had been received from the Osage County Clerks office. The rates of proposed tax levy were identified as 0.2420 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for the Westphalia Road and Bridge and 0.1796 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for Westphalia Special Road and Bridge. It has been determined that the present rates shall be set by the City of Westphalia, and are reasonably necessary to produce revenues that will be needed for the operation, maintenance, administration, and improvements of the City of Westphalia, the Westphalia Road and Bridge and Special Road and Bridge. Mayor Massman did note that the tax rates being proposed are less than that of last year with rates noted as 0.2422 and 0.1797 respectively for 2022.

No public comments were offered.

A motion was made by Alderman Jake Plassmeyer to approve the 2023 tax rate levy proposal setting the rates of proposed tax levy as 0.2420 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for the Westphalia Road and Bridge and 0.1796 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for Westphalia Special Road and Bridge. The motion was seconded by Alderman Delbert Wieberg. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes and Lori Asel-yes.

Mayor Massman noted that the Pro Forma and a Resolution setting the tax levy had been prepared. Mayor Massman reviewed and read aloud the 2023 Resolution. The Resolution was approved and signed by all members of the city council: Mayor Tammy Massman and Aldermen Delbert Wieberg, Stanley Heckman, Jake Plassmeyer and Lori Asel. The Resolution was attested by sewer operator-Curtis Wheat and city clerk-Tammy Massman.

Mayor Massman noted she will return the approved tax levy Pro Forma and Resolution to the Osage County Clerk's office for approval and submission to the State Auditor's office.

A motion was made by Alderman Delbert Wieberg to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jake Plassmeyer. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes and Lori Asel-yes.