

Westphalia Board of Aldermen
Public Hearing - 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2024

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 2024 tax rate levy. Roll Call was taken. Aldermen present were: Delbert Wieberg, Stanley Heckman, and Jake Plassmeyer. Alderman Caitlin Berhorst was absent. Others present at the meeting were UD reporter-Theresa Brandt, sewer operator-Aaron Lachowicz of Mid Mo Operations and community resident Nikki Bax.

Mayor Massman highlighted the process that would follow for the public hearing leading into the regular board meeting portion. 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. The gallery was instructed that if there was a desire to offer any comments; to please state their name prior to addressing the council.

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

Mayor Massman acknowledged that the 2024 tax rate levy proposal had been received from the Osage County Clerks office. The rates of proposed tax levy were identified as 0.2348 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for the Westphalia Road and Bridge and 0.1800 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 rate proposed for the Westphalia Special Road and Bridge had been previously approved by voters during the April 2024 election. The Westphalia Road and Bridge tax proposed for 2024 is noted to be less than that of last year's approved rate of 0.2420.

No public comments were offered. A motion was made by Alderman Stanley Heckman to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Delbert Wieberg. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes.

A motion was made by Alderman Jake Plassmeyer to approve the 2024 tax rate levy proposal setting the rates of proposed tax levy as 0.2348 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation for the Westphalia Road and Bridge and 0.1800 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.

Mayor Massman noted that the Pro Forma and a Resolution setting the tax levy had been prepared. Mayor Massman reviewed and read aloud the 2024 Resolution. The reading of the Resolution was unanimously approved and signed by all members of the city council: Mayor Tammy Massman and Aldermen Delbert Wieberg, Stanley Heckman, and Jake Plassmeyer. The Resolution was attested by sewer operator-Aaron Lachowicz and city clerk-Tammy Massman.

Mayor Massman 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. The public hearing portion of the August meeting was adjourned and the regular city council meeting followed.