

**MINUTES
CITY OF AURORA
TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING
CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013 6:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Mayor Hess, Councilors Worshek, Lislegard, Cromley, Smolich

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Britt See-Benes, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Ron Harpin; Jan & Jeff Rock

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a Public Hearing was held in the City-Town Government Center on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Hess presided at the Hearing. This Public Hearing is in compliance with Truth In Taxation Legislation.

All cities are required to provide notice of their proposed budgets and the amount of property taxes it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2014. Additionally this year, the City discussed the sales tax exclusion effective January 1, 2014. The City will no longer be required to pay sales tax for normal operations, but will however, need to pay sales tax on anything that would compete with private business such as cemeteries, Golf Courses, arenas, community buildings. Citizens are given the opportunity to provide input on determining the spending and taxing levels of Local Governments.

Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer See-Benes gave an overview of the process, budget comparisons, and revenues, trends in city tax levy, tax base composition and debt retirement schedule.

The public was invited to speak and to ask questions concerning the budget and proposed property taxes.

Ron Harpin, 96 North Main Street, was present to discuss his increase. His total overall increase was 22%. The valuation of the property did increase over \$10,000. The valuation can no longer be adjusted at this time. The City will ask Mr. Ben Thomas, St. Louis County Commercial Assessor to contact Mr. Harpin regarding the calculation.

Jeff & Jan Rock, 204 Linda Drive, stated that their taxes were increased an overall 25.5%, with the City portion increasing by \$156. The taxable market value of the house has increased by \$4200.00 for 2014. The valuation can no longer be adjusted at this time. The City

will ask Mr. Tom Carlson, St. Louis County Residential Assessor to contact Mr. & Mrs. Rock regarding the calculation.

Mayor Hess informed those present that the City Council would be approving the final budget and levy at the Regular City Council meeting, December 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the City-Town Government Center meeting room.

Moved by Councilor Worshek and supported by Lislegard to adjourn the Hearing at 6:48 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

Mary Hess, Mayor

ATTEST:

Britt See-Benes
Administrator/Clerk Treasurer

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