



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021 - BARTLETT CITY HALL - 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor A. Keith McDonald: Present, Alderman W.C. Pleasant: Present, Alderman Emily Elliott: Present, Alderman David Parsons: Present, Alderman Bobby Simmons: Present, Vice Mayor Jack Young: Present, Alderman Kevin Quinn: Present.

PUBLIC HEARING

Individuals will have a maximum of three minutes to speak either for or against the item, with a total of 20 minutes for each side.

1. Ordinance 21-01, an ordinance to adopt the 2021-2022 General Fund, Street Aid Fund, Solid Waste Fund, General Improvement Fund, Drug Enforcement Fund, DEA Enforcement Fund, Drainage Fund, Parks Improvement Fund, E-Citation Fund, Bartlett City School Fund, Utility Fund, Debt Service Fund and Capital Improvements Fund Budgets.

The City Clerk read comments in favor of Ordinances 21-01 and 21-02 submitted by Linda Gibson, 6063 Camelia Lane.

No one spoke against.

Adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

2. Notice of intent to exceed the certified tax rate.

For notification purposes. No one spoke or against.

Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

3. Ordinance 21-02, an ordinance to levy and assess a tax rate for ad valorem taxes upon real property and personal property in the City of Bartlett for the tax year 2021.

The City Clerk read comments in favor of Ordinances 21-01 and 21-02 submitted by Linda Gibson, 6063 Camelia Lane.

Christine and Dan Richards at 8855 Memphis Arlington Road spoke against Ordinance 21-02.

Randall Cole, 5998 Hickory Grove Lane, spoke against Ordinance 21-02.

Jerry Luther, 6051 Daybreak Dr., spoke against Ordinance 21-02.

Nick Sawall, 2498 Kenwood Lane, spoke against Ordinance 21-02.

Mayor McDonald encouraged qualifying senior citizens to apply for Property Tax Abatement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1 **Third Reading of Ordinance 21-01, an ordinance to adopt the 2021-2022 General Fund, Street Aid Fund, Solid Waste Fund, General Improvement Fund, Drug Enforcement Fund, DEA Enforcement Fund, Drainage Fund, Parks Improvement Fund, E-Citation Fund, Bartlett City School Fund, Utility Fund, Debt Service Fund and Capital Improvements Fund Budgets. (Dick Phebus, Director of Finance)**

Alderman Elliott expressed her support of this budget and the funding thereof by a tax increase. She commented on the increase in citizen's solid waste output, the high cost of paving neighborhoods, bringing the City into ADA compliance, the necessity of giving City employees raises, and the fact that the City does not have storm water fees as other municipalities as justification. She also stated in order to maintain our excellent bond rating, we must maintain a healthy emergency fund balance and recalled when those reserves had to be used during the economic downturn in 2008 and after Hurricane Elvis.

Alderman Parsons agreed that during his terms as alderman, he had witnessed reserves drop to single digits during times of hardship.

Alderman Pleasant commented on the need for a good bond rating and stated that without one, it would cost millions of dollars more.

Alderman Quinn thanked Director of Finance, Dick Phebus and Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Brown for responding to his questions regarding the budget and tax ordinances. He thanked the citizens who came to voice their concerns and stated he respected the views of the other alderman, but remained in opposition of the tax increase.

RESULT:	APPROVED ON THIRD AND FINAL RE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jack Young, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Emily Elliott, Alderman
AYES:	Pleasant, Elliott, Parsons, Simmons, Young, Quinn

- 2 **Third Reading of Ordinance 21-02, an ordinance to levy and assess a tax rate for ad valorem taxes upon real property and personal property in the City of Bartlett for the tax year 2021. (Dick Phebus, Director of Finance)**

RESULT:	APPROVED ON THIRD AND FINAL RE [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jack Young, Vice Mayor
SECONDER:	Bobby Simmons, Alderman
AYES:	Pleasant, Elliott, Parsons, Simmons, Young
NAYS:	Quinn

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM