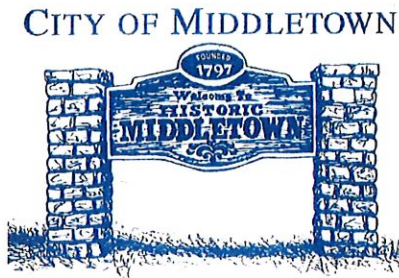


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MINUTES FOR CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, KENTUCKY

Special Meeting

Middletown City Hall, 11803 Shelbyville Road, May 25, 2023, at 5:00pm

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Those in attendance included:
 - i. Mayor Byron Chapman
 - ii. Commissioner Amy Oliver
 - iii. Commissioner Paul Hayden
 - iv. Commissioner Mark Stigers
 - v. Commissioner Ron Wolf
 - vi. Police Chief Rob Herman
 - vii. Major Joe Webb
 - viii. City Attorney John Singler
 - ix. City Treasurer Tracy Dohn
 - x. City Clerk Marianne Butler
2. Public Hearing per KRS 132.027 for setting the 2024 real property tax rate for the City of Middletown. (This was advertised in the CJ on 5/5/23 and 5/12/23) was opened at 5pm by Mayor Chapman.
3. Attorney Singler read into the record the notice that appeared in the Courier Journal legal section. The 2023 tax rate of \$.134 per \$100 of assessed valuation produced \$2,191,790. The compensating tax rate for 2024, the rate that would produce the same revenue as 2023 is \$.130 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The 2024 proposed tax rate is \$.134 per \$100 assessed valuation and would produce \$2,254,853. The city of Middletown proposed to exceed the compensating tax rate with the expected revenue spent on police protection and general government expenses.
4. No member of the public spoke at the public hearing.
5. Mayor Chapman closed the public hearing at 5:10pm
6. Ord 05-25-2023-A Setting Middletown real estate tax rate for 2023 was moved by Commissioner Wolf with a second from Commissioner Oliver. This was the first reading of the Ordinance.
7. Ord 05-25-2023-B Amending Middletown FY 2022-2023 Budget was moved by Commissioner Oliver with a second from Commissioner Stigers. This was the first reading of the Ordinance.
8. Ord 05-25-2023-C Middletown Budget for FY 2023-2024 was moved by Commissioner Stigers with a second from Commissioner Hayden. This was the first reading of the Ordinance.
 - a. Chief Herman and Major Webb responded to questions about the police budget and their proposal for hiring two additional officers. This would support the detectives with one position as their load has greatly increased with fraud cases. A mid-watch LT would have the ability to move between mid watch and late watch with flexibility on shifts. Their request will also help with retention of officers. Commissioner Oliver wanted to know if MPD was short staffed. Chief Herman responded that it is a weekly, if not daily

- occurrence with the rise of theft. If an officer has to take someone down to be booked at the jail, that officer is out of commission for at least 90 minutes. In addition to the caseload of the detectives going up, calls for service have increased 54% year over year.
- b. The proposed budget is short nearly \$1m and will have to use funds from the reserved account to make a balanced budget.
 - c. There was discussion about slightly decreasing some of the accounts, specifically the reserve accounts to \$1k across the board. The Commission will continue to look over the budget and explore possible ways to cut or increase revenue to maintain a balanced budget and keep the city on good financial footing for several years.
9. Commissioner Wolf made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of personnel per KRS 61.810 (1) (F). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Oliver. After brief discussion with no action taken, Commissioner Wolf made a motion to come out of closed session with a second by Commissioner Stigers.
10. Adjournment was moved by Commissioner Hayden and seconded by Commissioner Oliver at 7:45pm. Motion carried.



Mayor J. Byron Chapman

Attest:



Marianne Butler, Clerk