

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, FOURTH FLOOR UPTOWN STATION, 11 UPTOWN CIRCLE, NORMAL, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS – MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016 – PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Chris Koos called the public hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Increase to order at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 19, 2016.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll with the following persons physically

PRESENT: Mayor Chris Koos and Councilmembers Jeff Fritzen, R.C. McBride, Kathleen Lorenz, Kevin McCarthy, and Cheryl Gaines.

ABSENT: Councilmember Scott Preston (arrived at 7:01 p.m.)

3. CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION:

There is on file in the office of the Town Clerk a Certificate of Publication from The Normalite dated December 8, 2016.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Koos announced he would receive comments from the public on the proposed Property Tax Increase for the Town of Normal.

Mayor Koos called for comments from the public; Mr. Doug Fansler, 307 Carriage Hills Road, Normal, Illinois, addressed the Council expressing his concern with the proposed increases. Mr. Fansler called attention to several expenses set forth in the bills to be paid on the Agenda of the regular meeting of the Council, suggesting several of these expenses seem to be excessive and unnecessary for the overall operation of the Town. Mr. Fansler also suggested the 45 day waiting period be eliminated in the rules for addressing the Council as adopted by the Town.

Mayor Koos issued the second call for comments from the public; Mr. Craig Stimpert, 5 Crestwood Court, Normal, Illinois, addressed the Council in opposition to the proposed property tax increase. Mr. Stimpert indicated he was concerned with the high sales tax in Normal, the high property tax rate in Normal, and with “wasteful spending” by the Council.

Mr. Marc Tiritilli, 1212 Timber Ridge Court, Normal, Illinois, also voiced concern with the tax increase, indicating the Council needed to “tighten their belts” in spending. Mr. Tiritilli expressed his concern with the unfunded pension costs and the increasing bond costs.

Mayor Koos issued the third and final call for comments from the public; there were no further comments.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Councilmember Gaines moved, seconded by Councilmember McCarthy, the public hearing be adjourned.

AYES: Fritzen, Preston, McBride, Lorenz, McCarthy, Gaines, Koos.

NAYS: None.

Motion declared carried.

Mayor Koos adjourned the public hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Increase at 7:12 p.m., Monday, December 19, 2016.