

**City of Lakeview Heights
385 Circle Drive
Morehead, KY 40351**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

A Special Called Meeting of the City Commission was held at the Robert Stivers Community Building with the following present:

Commissioner Members Present:

Sam Mason, Mayor
Tim Miller, Commissioner
Mark Blankenbuehler, Commissioner
James Hood, Commissioner
Jim Fluty, Commissioner

Others Present:

Amanda Mason, Clerk

Commissioner Members Absent:

NONE

Call to Order

Mayor Mason called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Mowing/Maintenance

Mayor Mason indicated that he was obtaining quotes from various lawncare providers for the city's property that was previously mowed by the salary position. The total area is approximately ½ acre. Wendell Bush contacted Mayor Mason and indicated that he was interested in mowing as a licensed and insured contracted entity. Mr. Bush stated that he would charge \$140 per mow.

Clerk Mason indicated that the 2021-2022 budget allotted for \$2000 in mowing/maintenance.

It was suggested that the city's property be mowed for the remainder of this season on a volunteer basis by Commissioner Miller (area near city building and in front of the pond) and Mayor Mason (the front and back hill/entrances and the park). Prior to the Spring mowing season, a licensed and insured individual/business would be contracted to mow.

2021-2022 Budget (Ordinance 5) Second Reading

Mayor Mason presented the 2021-2022 Budget (Ordinance 5) for a second reading. The adjustments for the Professional Fees, Mowing/Maintenance, and Insurance were included in the draft.

The property tax rate was discussed. Mayor Mason again referenced the Tax Compensation rate that would allow the city to increase property taxes (approximately 4%) without holding an additional and specific public meeting.

The commission discussed the importance of increasing property taxes in order to ensure the city's revenue would remain at least even with its expenditures (again referencing the fact that the tax rate has had minimal increases over the past 30 years).

Commissioner miller suggested a tax rate increase of .03 which would bring the rate to 10.9 cents per \$100. After further discussion of the approximate 4 percent compensation rate, Commissioner Miller made a motion to increase the property tax rate to 11 cents per \$100 for 2021-2022. Commissioner Hood made a second to the motion, and the motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

Commissioner Blankenbuehler – Aye
Commissioner Fluty – Aye
Commissioner Hood – Aye
Commissioner Miller – Aye
Mayor Mason – Aye

The commissioners agreed that if once the Compensation Rate worksheet was completed, it proved the increase was too high, the tax rate would be revisited and revised.

Adjournment

With no further business pending and through unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

Sam Mason, Mayor

Amanda Mason, City Clerk/Treasurer