

**PUBLIC HEARING
TAX MILLAGE RATE INCREASE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NASHVILLE
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
September 9, 2019
5:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: Mayor Michael Richbourg, Aldermen Scott Stalnaker, Billy Retterbush, Eric Gaither, Antonio Carter and Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

STAFF PRESENT: Mandy Luke, Jackie Jordan, Jill Wise, Chief Edwards, John Reynolds, Peter Schultz, Mitchell Moore

OTHERS: Bryan Shaw, Stan Bennett

Mayor Richbourg called the Public Hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow the citizens to voice their opinion regarding the proposed millage increase of property taxes for the City of Nashville.

Mayor Richbourg asked Mrs. Luke for the figure previously discussed. Mrs. Luke said it would take a minimum of 1.50 increase to hire four (4) new officers and increase the salaries of the Police Department (PD) only. Mayor Richbourg asked Chief Edwards if he had anything to add stating the PD recently lost two (2) more officers due to salary. Chief Edwards said he has two (2) scheduled for the Police Academy. They would graduate December 20th and then require a minimum of three (3) months field training so the quicker he could hire some seasoned officers, the better.

Bryan Shaw asked the Mayor and Council if they reviewed the information he emailed them which he discussed at the first Public Hearing and they each replied they had reviewed the information.

Stan Bennett, Memorial Drive, asked what the increase would be for. Mayor Richbourg explained it is only to hire four (4) new officers and increase PD pay. Mr. Bennett asked what difference it would make in taxes. Mayor Richbourg explained the tax millage is currently 8 mills and what the increase of 1.5 mills would mean on the following: a home valued at

\$25,000 would be \$15/year or \$1.25/month; a home valued at \$50,000 would be \$30/year or \$2.50/month; a home valued at \$75,000 would be \$45/year or \$3.75/month; a home valued at \$100,000 would be \$60/year or \$5/month; a home valued at \$250,000 would be \$150/year or \$12.50/month and a home valued at \$700,000 would be \$420/year or \$35/month.

Mayor Richbourg asked for any other questions or comments regarding the tax millage rate and there were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Michael Richbourg

Alderman Eric Gaither

Alderwoman Mellisa Watson

Alderman Antonio Carter

Alderman Billy Retterbush

Alderman Scott Stalnaker

Alderman Walter Steward

ATTEST:

Jackie Jordan, City Clerk