

MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
September 19, 2022

The City Commission met this date for a special meeting in the Commission Chambers. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with the following in attendance.

Mayor	:	Hubert B. Smith
Commissioners	:	Christine Wasdin
	:	Edward Crosby
	:	Kay Hamilton
	:	Clark (Tom) Browning
City Clerk	:	Tammy Johnson
Police Chief	:	Joe Hart
Fire Chief	:	Tommy Mayville
Library Director	:	Hope Willis
Public Works Director:		Nathan Kelley (camera)
Recorder	:	Beth Millsaps

Others in Attendance: (Not Inclusive) Terry Griffin, Irwin, Hicks, Shields

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM.

**1. FY23 FINAL BUDGET HEARING**

**a. Resolution No. 07-09-19-22 Adopt Final Mileage**

Mayor Smith read Resolution No. 07-09-19-22 a resolution of the city adopting the final levying of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2023; providing for an effective date. The final adopted millage rate is greater than the rolled-back rate of \$4.4870 by 11.98%. **COMM. BROWNING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 07-09-19-22 AS READ. COMM. HAMILTON SECONDED THE MOTION,**

Mrs. Johnson said we have proof of publication from the NWFL Daily News the ad ran on September 15, 2022. She said in the budget before the Commission tonight there have only been a couple of changes. Mrs. Johnson said she has added the assistance firefighters grant to the general fund revenues \$66,667 and added \$3,333 to our reserve revenue then we added to our capital and new expenses \$70,000 for air compressor cascade.

Mr. Terry Griffin, 253 Grandview, asks how the Commission can justify a 11% increase. He said the Commission does not do anything to generate revenues for the city, we have no businesses and feels the Commission is protecting itself. Mayor Smith said he disagrees, rezoning of the commercial corridor area to open up for new businesses to come to Valparaiso, soon to be a new restaurant and coffee shop. Mr. Griffin said that is not what he wants to know, he wants to know if there is anyone on the Commission that is actively recruiting businesses to our area. Comm. Wasdin said she does not believe that is the Commission's job. Comm. Hamilton said that is what the EDC - Economic Development Council – does for our area.

1 Mr. Griffin said we had a great opportunity for a business to come in where the bank building  
2 use to be, but we choose to keep them from happening by renting the building for the new city hall.  
3 Mayor Smith said we would have enough revenue from Raider's Landing to cover the cost. Mr.  
4 Griffin said at this time we should be tightening our belts. Mayor Smith said we already have. Mayor  
5 Smith said when the city sued the Air Force under Mayor Arnold, which he and Comm. Lydia Johnson  
6 did not vote in favor of, some businesses pulled out and we are still recovering from that event.

7 **VOTE OF 5 TO 0 IN FAVOR OF MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 07-09-19-22**  
8 **AT 6:10 PM.**

9 **b. Ordinance No. 715 Adopt FY2023 Budget – Final Reading**

10 Mayor Smith read Ordinance No. 715 an ordinance adopting the FY 2023 budget for the city  
11 for the fiscal year commencing 1 October 2022; repealing conflicting ordinances; and providing for an  
12 effective date. **COMM. HAMILTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO.**  
13 **715 AS READ. COMM. BROWNING SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY**  
14 **UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 5 TO 0 AT 6:15PM.**

15 **ADJOURN**

16 With no further business before the Commission this evening, the budget workshop adjourned  
17 at 6:15 PM.

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22 Hubert B. Smith  
23 Mayor

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28 Katherine Hamilton  
29 Chair, VCA

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32 Tammy Johnson, CMC  
33 City Clerk

34 \*\*\*A recording of the September 19, 2022, Commission meeting will be kept on the City's  
35 secure file server as a permanent part of these minutes.\*\*\*  
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