

Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes

Special Called Meeting: September 13, 2021

Place: Shelbyville Recreation Center, 220 Tulip Tree Road

Call to Order: 12:00 PM, Mayor Wallace Cartwright

Roll Call: The following were present: Councilmember William Christie, Councilmember Rick Overcast, Councilmember Henry Feldhaus, Councilmember Marilyn Ewing, Councilmember Gary Haile (out at 1:16) and Councilmember Stephanie Isaacs. Also, in attendance were Mayor Cartwright, City Manager Josh Ray, City Treasurer Kay Parker, City Attorney Ginger Shofner, City Recorder Lisa Smith, Rhonda Clanton, Bedford County Property Assessor, Ken Morrell, and Von Larson from the Tennessee Division of Property Assessments.

Discussion of Tax Relief Options: City Manager Ray began with a review of the tax relief options available from the State and the current City tax relief adopted by previous Council. He then turned the meeting over to Ken Morrell who gave a presentation on the options of tax relief available and compared the Tax Freeze and Tax Relief programs. The programs are available for citizens over 65, disabled, disabled vets and widow(er) of disabled vets. Tax Freeze program allows property taxes of qualified persons to be frozen at the current amount. The State currently has a Tax Relief program that allows for qualified homeowners to get a reduction in their property taxes. Currently the City of Shelbyville offers an additional 12% or \$53.00 max reduction on top of the State's. This has been in place since 2006 with no changes. After further discussion, Councilmember Feldhaus stated he felt it would be more beneficial to citizens to increase the percentage of Tax Relief instead of doing a Tax Freeze. Property Assessor Helton agreed with Feldhaus noting it would not be beneficial as it would be frozen after a tax increase. After further discussion, Council ask Staff to prepare an Ordinance to adopt the Tax Relief program and to increase the percentage to 24% and consider following the State's limit. Council will hold a Special Called Meeting on September 27th at 12:00 PM to view an Ordinance for First Reading.

With no further items of business **Mayor Cartwright adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:35 PM.**

Approved:



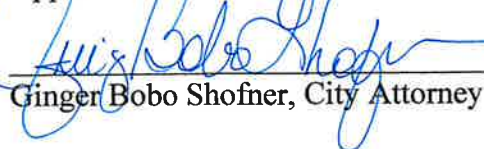
Wallace Cartwright, Mayor

Attest:



Lisa Smith, City Recorder

Approved as to Form:



Ginger Bobo Shofner, City Attorney