

CITY OF KINGSLEY

March 22, 2021 Special Commissioners' Meeting conducted via Zoom Online Meetings due to COVID 19

Present:

Becky Beld  
Stephanie Rosenik  
Finn Cato

Lesa Ferguson  
Alik Royalty  
Marilyn Whisler

George Burns  
Tom Schlindwein

Mayor Beld called to order at 7:01 PM a Special Commissioners mid-month online Zoom meeting due to Covid 19 Social Distancing Requirements enacted by Governor Beshear The agenda was to discuss the Ad Valorem Tax Rate Ordinance for 7/1/21- 6/30/22.

AD VALOREM TAX DISCUSSION:

Becky commented that the Kingsley Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance has used the verbiage “postmarked by” when referring to the dates payments are due. The Louisville Metro tax bill and the Kingsley tax bills mailed to residents both state either “paid by” or “paid before” but make no reference to “postmarked by”.

The issue is an envelope can be postdated/postmarked within a given month, but not mailed until a later month and the resident could claim eligibility for a lower payment. Tom and Lesa had the concern there is great variation in the length of time the post office is currently taking to deliver mail—Tom said he has received some checks that were postmarked two weeks earlier than the arrival date. It was decided to leave the verbiage “postmarked by” in our ordinance for the time being.

The penalty percentage was modified within the current fiscal year of 7/1/20- 6/30/21. It was decided to keep it at the same level for the upcoming fiscal year.

Becky initiated conversation on the tax rate for 2021. Current rate is \$.33/\$100 with a 10% discount if bills are paid during the discount period. The PVA was scheduled to re-assess Kingsley property values in 2020, but delayed the re-assessment due to COVID19. It is expected the re-assessment will be conducted this year, but we have heard nothing on this. We cannot receive taxes more than 1.04% vs. the previous year, so if the PVA increases our property values more than 4% compensating tax level we would need to reduce our tax rate or issue refunds to residents after the fact for the upcoming tax year.

Stephanie commented the PVA website shows they are meeting March 23<sup>rd</sup> to begin discussions on Area 2 [includes Kingsley] re-assessments. The website showed appeal meetings will be conducted April 23 through May 17, so it's expected we'll know the impact of our re-assessments prior to April 23.

Finn will see if he can identify a contact person at DLG that can counsel us on completing the compensating tax rate .

It was decided to delay the first reading of the Ad Valorem Tax Ordinance for FY 2021/22 until May 1 at the latest, with the second reading June 3.

CLOSING:

Aliki made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Whisler  
City Clerk  
City of Kingsley

Becky Beld  
Mayor  
City of Kingsley