

# **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of August 27, 2009**

**City of Independence, Ky.**

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## **Opening**

The City Council of the City of Independence, Kentucky held a Special Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Independence Municipal Center, 5409 Madison Pike, Independence, Kentucky with Mayor Christian J. Moriconi presiding. Mayor Moriconi called the meeting to order. Roll was called and the following Council Members registered present: Mary Pat Behler, Jim Bushong, Margaret Cook, Carol Franzen, Mike Little and Donna Yeager. Also present was City Attorney, Jed K. Deters.

## **Purpose of the Special Meeting**

Mayor Moriconi welcomed everyone and announced this special meeting of Council was being held to discuss and take action on the following business items:

- Proposed Ordinance – Adopting 2009 Property Tax Rates – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Award Bid for the Purchase of Public Services Truck
- Proclamation – Firefighter Appreciation Month
- Announcement – Senior Center Picnic
- Executive Session (only if necessary)

## **Proposed Ordinance – Adopting 2009 Property Tax Rates – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mayor Moriconi presented for a first reading a proposed ordinance that would adopt the real estate and personal property tax rates for 2009. He stated that due to the uncertain economy he is proposing that the City keep the same rates as last year. There being no questions from Council, Mr. Deters read the proposed ordinance establishing the ad valorem tax on real estate property at \$0.200 dollars for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed value and a personal property tax rate of \$0.596 dollars for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

## **Award Bid for the Purchase of a Public Services Truck**

Mayor Moriconi announced that on Friday, August 21, 2009 bids were opened for the purchase of a 2009 Mid-size dump truck for the Public Services Department. The bids received were as follows: Peterson Truck Center \$67,725; McClusky Chevrolet \$65,450 and 32 Ford Mercury Inc. \$55,846. Mayor Moriconi stated that after evaluating the bids Public Services Director Gary Cooper is recommending that the bid be awarded to Peterson Truck Center in the amount of \$67,725. He stated that the City has experienced transmission problems in the past with Ford trucks and would like to purchase a Chevrolet to see if the transmissions hold up better. Mayor Moriconi asked Mr. Cooper to step to the podium to answer any questions from the Council Members. Council Member Behler expressed concern that there was a significant difference between the low and high bids. Mr. Cooper explained that the low bid was for a Ford truck. He stated that he has had trouble with the Ford transmissions going out during snow removal operations. He said that the two higher bids are for Chevrolets and the dealers are guaranteeing a sixty day delivery. Council Member Behler asked if the dealer would also service the truck. Mr. Cooper stated that Peterson would not service the truck but that local service is available. In response to other Council questions, Mr. Cooper advised they have had minimal problems with the GMC trucks and that the truck accessories for snow removal will be obtained from another company.

In closing, Mayor Moriconi commented that the highest bid is still under the amount budgeted for this equipment purchase.

Council Member Little moved to award the bid to Peterson Truck Center as the best bid submitted for reliability of a maintenance truck in the amount of \$67,725.00. Motion was seconded by Council Member Franzen. Roll was called and answered with five ayes and one no vote cast by Council Member Cook. Motion carried 5-1.

**Proclamation – Firefighter Appreciation Month**

Mayor Moriconi stated he was proud to present to the members of the Independence Fire District a Proclamation proclaiming the month of August as Firefighters Appreciation Month for all daily service to our communities and to honor their charitable efforts to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

**Announcement – Senior Center Picnic**

Council Member Donna Yeager announced that the Senior Citizens Center would hold an expo and picnic on Thursday, September 10, 2009. She advised that the expo would begin at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic would begin at noon. Mayor Moriconi asked if it was open to the public and Council Member Yeager advised that the picnic was for members only due to space constraints.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Moriconi advised that the next regular meeting of Council would be held on September 14, 2009. There being no further business, Council Member Franzen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Behler. Motion carried with all ayes and the meeting ended at 7:14 p.m.

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Christian J. Moriconi, Mayor

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Patricia H. Taney, City Clerk