

Hillsboro City Council
"Truth in Taxation"
Public Hearing
December 11, 2007

Mayor Baran opened the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

Mayor Baran opened the meeting by explaining that anytime the Annual City Tax Levy aggregate total is more than 5% of the previous year's tax extension a "truth in taxation" hearing is required. Due to the under funding of the Police Pension additional funding is being requested.

City Attorney Jarman informed everyone that an actuary for the State determines the funding level of the Police and Fire pensions for each entity. This year's report shows the City needs an additional \$23,000.00 to fund the Police Pension, which can be accomplished with increasing the levy.

Commissioner Trost explained part of the increase was due to one officer retiring. Trost went on to say the pension amounts are set by the State legislature and are out of the City's control.

Mayor Baran mentioned this is another unfunded mandate.

City Attorney Jarman, using his property tax bill as an example, showed that his increase on a \$900.00 tax bill would amount to around twelve or fourteen dollars.

Mayor Baran asked for any comments from the audience, after receiving no response Baran asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:56 pm by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Booher, City Clerk