

The Warsaw City Council met in special session on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 303 East Main Street at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Randy Jones, Randy Dunavent, Todd Samuel, and Jerry Hunt. Trey Young and Dwayne Wood were absent. Attorney Mike Duncan was present.

Visitors present: Brent Caldwell, Barry Alexander Sr., Brenda and Chris Fiddler.

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Charlie French and it was acknowledged that a quorum was present.

Mayor French opened the public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for 2024.

Attorney Mike Duncan advised that the City of Warsaw proposes to exceed the compensating tax rate by levying a real property tax rate of .126 per \$100.00 of assessed value and a personal property tax rate of .035 per \$100.00 of assessed value. The expected revenue from the real tax rate of .126 would be \$134,135.72 and the expected revenue from the personal tax rate of .035 would be \$24,473.29.

Mayor French asked for comments from the public at this time.

Chris Fiddler who lives at 700 Fourth Street asked the Mayor and Council what happens when people can't pay their bills. He stated the city just raised water and sewer rates and now taxes. Mayor French advised Mr. Fiddler that the City was not raising the tax rate. The new proposed rate was lower than last years. Mr. Fiddler said that was good and had nothing else to say. Barry Alexander Sr. was present to ask where money would be spent. He advised several things were needed at the firehouse. Mayor French advised Mr. Alexander that he would get with him to discuss the fire department needs.

With no more public comment the public hearing was closed.

Mayor French called the special meeting to order at this time.

### **#2 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2024-06; Set Real & Personal Property Tax Rates for 2024**

A motion by Randy Dunavent seconded by Todd Samuel approving a first reading of Ordinance 2024-06 setting the real property tax rate for 2024 at .126 and the personal tax rate at .035.

Voice vote: Jerry Hunt yes, Randy Jones yes, Todd Samuel yes, Randy Dunavent yes. Motion carried.

### **#3 Closed Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(g) to discuss a business proposal**

A motion by Todd Samuel seconded by Randy Jones to exit Special session and enter Closed Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(g) to discuss a business proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Todd Samuel seconded by Randy Dunavent to exit Closed Session and enter Special Session.

A motion by Randy Jones seconded by Randy Dunavent to ADJOURN.  
Meeting adjourned 6:49pm.

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Charlie French, Mayor

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Carolyn Caldwell, City Clerk