

MINUTES

Special Called City Council Meeting
December 21, 2004
City of Russellville, Arkansas

The Russellville City Council met in Special Session December 21, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Russellville Police Department.

Officials present were Mayor Raye Turner, City Attorney Trey Smith, City Clerk Kathy Collins, Council Members Cliff Kirchner, Faye Abernathy, Andrea Lea, Paul Gray and Ronnie Tripp.

Guest included members of the Firemen' Pension Board and Police Pension Board, Mark Scott and Roger Freeman.

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:

Mayor Raye Turner.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Discussion of Resolution #875 levying a .08 millage on personal property for Pension Funds.

Hack Horton commented that the Pension Boards were caught between the City Council and the Quorum Court. He would like for the City Council to ask the Quorum Court to reconvene and reconsider their vote. He does not wish to take legal action at this time.

City Attorney Trey Smith told the Boards that as of today there is no provision to fund the Police and Fire Pensions due to the fact the Quorum Court chose to levy the Millage at 0. The Quorum Court thought there had to be a two thirds vote of the City Council to pass the Resolution and also thought that the voters in the recent election on the Millage did not want the .08 Mills in addition to the 2 Mills that would have been levied to give the City Employees a salary increase.

City Attorney Trey Smith did not agree. He commented that it was not necessary to have a two thirds vote because it was new legislation. He sees that the City has three options.

1. Ask the County Clerk to assess the Millage as the Resolution instructed as passed by the City Council.
2. Legal Action. Sue the County.
3. Choose to do nothing.

Motion to send Resolution # 875 that was passed by the Council on December 16, 2004 setting the Millage at .04 for Firemen Pension and .04 for the Police Pension to the County Clerk to implement. Alderman Tripp made the second. Motion carries on a 5 to 1 roll call vote. Alderman Gray voting nay. Aldermen Tripp, Kirchner, Lea, Abernathy and Mayor Turner voting yea.

Alderman Ronnie Tripp asked for written audit information from the Pension Boards and suggested to vote on the Pension Millage by separate Resolution next year.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Alderwoman Abernathy. Alderwoman Lea made the second. Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST:

Kathy Collins, City Clerk

Date