



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: December 20, 2021

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Agenda Item: Second Reading – Ordinance Levying the Annual 2021 Municipal Property Tax

Explanation: As directed by the majority in the discussion held on November 8, 2021, Staff included the Option 2A tax levy amount of \$1,872,940 in the Truth-In-Taxation Resolution that was approved by the Council on November 15, 2021. The purpose of this Resolution was to show the tentative levy and determine if a public hearing was required. Since the amount of the tentative levy was more than 105% (or a 5% increase) over the prior year – a public hearing was held on December 13, 2021 as required.

The tax levy fully funds all special levies as recommended, keeps the Fire and Ambulance levy unchanged, and includes an additional \$100,000 that can be directed toward transportation and/or stormwater initiatives as discussed. Because the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) is projected to remain flat, the result is an increase in the levy of \$143,515 which is equal to the increases in the special levies plus the additional \$100,000. This equates to an estimated increase of 8.3% over the prior year.

The total contract with the Washington Fire Department and Rescue Squad is approximately \$1,077,882 for FY22-23 of which \$260,698 or 24% is funded through the property tax levy and the remaining \$817,184 or 76% is paid through other General Fund sources.

Fiscal Impact: Funds received as needed for FY22-23 for the special levies and Fire and Ambulance levy as well as an additional \$100,000 as a General Corp levy to be used for transportation and/or stormwater initiatives.

Recommendation/Committee Discussion Summary: Majority recommended by straw poll of Committee of the Whole and passage of Truth-In-Taxation Resolution.

Action Requested: Approval during Second Reading on December 20th. Tax Levy must be certified to the County by December 28th.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE LEVYING THE ANNUAL 2021 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX FOR
THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,
COUNTY OF TAZEWELL, STATE OF ILLINOIS
(Taxes paid in 2022)**

WHEREAS, the City of Washington, Tazewell County, Illinois, an Illinois home rule unit of government (the “City”) has adopted the municipal budgeting process as set forth in Sections 8-2-9.1 through 8-2-9.9 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/8-2-9.1 through 5/8-2-2.9) and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the total amount to be levied and collected for tax year 2021 is the sum of One Million, Eight Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,872,940) (the “Levied Amount”), said sum to be levied upon all real property subject to taxation within the City, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City (the “Council”) finds that it is necessary that the Levied Amount be levied so that the City can meet its budget and properly provide for its necessary financial obligations, and

WHEREAS, on or about November 15, 2021, the City did determine the amount it proposed to levy for tax year 2021 and did further determine that said tentative levy did require a public hearing in compliance with Section 4 through Section 7 of the Illinois Truth-in-Taxation Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, an Illinois home rule unit of government, as follows:

Section 1. Determination of Total Amount to be Levied. The total amount of money legally required for all corporate purposes and to be collected from the 2021 tax levy (taxes paid in 2022) is hereby ascertained to be the Levied Amount.

Section 2. Adoption of Levy for the Fiscal Year. The Levied Amount, being the amount legally required and to be collected from the 2021 tax levy for all Corporate purposes of said City, be, and the same is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property within the City subject to taxation for the current year, the specific amounts levied for the various funds hereinafter named and in total being as follows:

General Corporate Fund	\$ 100,000
Fire Fund	\$ 86,048
Ambulance Fund	\$ 174,650
Civil Defense Fund	\$ 4,142
Audit Fund	\$ 35,000
Liability Fund	\$ 95,000
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$ 370,000
Social Security/Medicare Tax Fund	\$ 320,000
Police Pension Fund	\$ <u>688,100</u>
 TOTAL	 \$ <u>1,872,940</u>

Section 3. Authorization for Levy and Assessment of Tax. The Levied Amount ascertained as aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby levied and assessed upon all property subject to taxation within the City according to the value of said property as the same is assessed and equalized for State and County purposes for the current year.

Section 4. City Clerk to Certify a Copy of Ordinance to County Clerk. The City Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this ordinance to the County Clerk of Tazewell County, Illinois on or before December 28, 2021. Further there is hereby certified to the County Clerk, the several sums aforesaid, constituting in total the Levied Amount as specified hereinabove, which said Levied Amount the City requires to be raised by taxation.

Section 5. Home Rule Authority. This tax levy ordinance is adopted pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Illinois Municipal Code; provided, however, any tax rate limitation or any other substantive limitation as to tax levies in the Illinois Municipal Code in conflict with this Ordinance shall not be applicable to this ordinance pursuant to Section 6 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021 pursuant to a roll call as follows:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk