

## CIRCLEVILLE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Mary Virginia Crites Hannan park  
1230 Pontius Road  
Starkey Pavilion  
Linda Chancey, Council Clerk

**RE:** Levy an annual license tax upon the operation of licensed motor vehicles.

Circleville City Council met at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park, Starkey Pavilion, Circleville, Ohio on Tuesday, May 4, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. The following Council Members were present: Council President David Crawford; Michelle Blanton, At large; Katie Logan Hedges, At Large; Tom Klitzka, At large; Jeff Hallinin, First Ward; Barry Keller, Second Ward; Todd Brady, Third Ward; Sheri Theis, Fourth Ward and Linda Chancey, Clerk. Guests Mayor Don McIlroy and Terry Frazier Service.

Roll call.

All speaking parties were sworn-in

Crawford stated the purpose of this public hearing is to hear comments regarding a license plate tax upon licensed motor vehicles that drive on the public roads or highways within the City of Circleville.

The Public Hearing was advertised in the general circulation in the Circleville Herald as required by law on April 3, 2021 and on file in the Council's Clerk's office for review.

Logan explained this was brought up in the last Judicial Cmte Mtg in April. This is an opportunity for the City to have a permissive tax for motor vehicles that have a license plate. The fee tax is \$5.00 per plate and 100% of the funds will come back to the City. All the fees must be used for construction, maintenance on culverts or bridges, etc. The estimate of funds is \$110,000.

Dave Reynolds, 20 Clair Court, spoke on two issues and asked to clarify who is paying for these fees, residents in County or City? And what we can do to change the definition of infrastructure and is this another way of getting general revenue, need the interpretation? Logan explained that it is just for City residents. the estimate tax is based on the number of tags sold in the City last year.

Tom Spring, 335 Meadow Road, read a statement about his concerns regarding the City increasing their water and sewer fees and the State is increasing their gas fees. It seems there are lots of fees increasing, I want to know if the City will wait until the pandemic is over and go to pre pandemic levels before implementing vehicle license plate fees in the City.

Spiros Spantithos, 952 Circle Drive stated in terms of street usage, there are other drivers driving thru the City and not paying, especially big trucks that create damage to the streets. If you tax individuals with multiple vehicles they are getting penalized for that. What is needed is to restrain from this tax and make sure all responsible parties that use the roads pay too, not just City individuals.

Crawford stated the two (2) ordinances will go on Council's May 18<sup>th</sup> agenda. The Public Hearing Meeting was closed at 7:00 pm,

Respectfully submitted

Linda Chancey, Council Clerk