

**PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY AUGUST 28th, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

The Stevensville Town Council came together for a public hearing at Town Council Chambers for the purpose of considering the Proposed FY14/15 Budget for the Town of Stevensville.

Present were Mayor Mim Mack, Councilperson Perrin, Councilperson Holcomb, Councilperson Crews and Councilperson Hunter. See sign-in sheet for others present.

FY14/15 Budget for the Town of Stevensville

Mayor Mim Mack reviewed the budget process from the past 3 months, public comment and approval at the Council meeting following the public hearing.

Public Comment

Clayton Floyd, 210 St. Mary's Drive, commented in opposition to the permissive levy and the recycling program.

Kim French, 107 Winslett, commented in opposition to the recycling program. She then submitted and read letters from citizens who could not be in attendance regarding their opposition to the permissive levy. Letters submitted were from Duane Bell, 512 Church Street, Bill and Helen Guinard; Raymond and Doris Gonzales, 107 Mission Street; Barbara Hartsell, 321 Spring Street; Robert Gairing, 109 Mission Street.

Joe Alhin, 512 Mission, commented in opposition to the permissive levy.

Dennis Shultz, 103 Winslett, commented in opposition to the permissive levy and recommended a questionnaire be sent to each and every resident prior to considering.

Jerry Sue Buckingham, 221 Barbara, commented in opposition to the permissive levy.

Jeff Motley, 318 9th Street, commented on why the permissive levy was attached to the budget with \$0 impact this year and was not considered as a separate item.

Leslie Tadvick, 509 Mission Street, commented opposition to the permissive levy and commented on the public feeling intimidated when they come into the office.

Jane Shultz, 103 Winslett, commented in opposition to the permissive levy.

Clayton Floyd commented for Charlene and Fred Pulliam, 509 Church Street, regarding their opposition to the permissive levy.

Jeff Motley commented on his appreciation of the process for the budget sessions and commended staff and Council for a positive revenue.

Susan McCreary, 417 Mission Street, commented on tax and water increases and opposition to the permissive levy.

Vicki Motley, 318 9th Street, commented on people not being able to afford the water rates or the permissive levy and in opposition to the permissive levy.

Brice Cederberg, 235 Valley View, commented on the employee's retirement program future increases, water rate increases, health insurance cost increases and on property tax decreases directly affecting the permissive levy. He encouraged Council to look down the road before making this decision.


Leslie Tadvick, commented on the County Study Commission and lawsuit that the tax payers will have to pay for. She also commented on her understanding of legislators repealing the permissive levy and this will be the last year for adoption.

The hearing adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVE:


Gene Mim Mack, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk