

Council Notes-August 7, 2013

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- Property values in the town have increased. As a result the Hamilton County Assessor of Property has re-certified the tax rate to reflect the increase by decreasing the town's tax rate for fiscal year 2013-2014 to \$1.5684 per hundred of appraised value. The decrease is necessary to ensure that the town receives only the amount of base revenue required by state law. At its July 29 work session, the council passed the General Revenue Ordinance establishing the new rate, \$.30 of which is dedicated to paying down the school loan, on first reading.
- In other business, the council amended the Sign Regulations on first reading to clarify a definition; heard a water bill appeal; discussed an employment contract between the town and Town Manager Chris Dorsey; approved job descriptions for the short term hiring of a HodgePodge manager and coordinator; and discussed maintenance of new landscaping at the Town Hall.
- Recreation Director Jarred Thompson reported that all three sessions of the town's traditional playground camp were cancelled this year due to low registration. The council discussed the possibility of deleting playground camp entirely from its summer offerings unless registration increases next year.
- The Land Trust for Tennessee has completed title searches, paid for by community donations, for certain town parklands. The title searches are the first step toward creating conservation easement agreements.
- The public input meeting on the James Boulevard resurfacing project will be held on Thursday, August 29, at 6pm at the Town Hall. Issues to be considered are road width, rails, and surfacing material.
- The town backhoe will load mulch at the Recycle Center on Saturday, August 10, 10am-2pm. The cost is \$5 a truckload.