

City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois
Public Hearing on Proposed Adoption
of the 2004 Property Tax Levy
December 7, 2004

The City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, held a public hearing on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, in the City Council Chambers, 200 S. Illinois Avenue, for the purpose of soliciting comments on the proposed 2004 Property Tax Levy. Mayor Cole called the public hearing to order at 7:08 p.m. with the following-named members of the City Council present/absent:

Present: Councilman Chris Wissmann, Councilman Lance Jack, Councilwoman Sheila Simon, Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, Councilwoman Margaret Flanagan and Mayor Brad Cole

Absent: Councilman Steven Haynes

Also present were City Clerk Janet M. Vaught, City Manager Jeff Doherty and various members of the City's administrative staff.

City Manager Doherty explained that Illinois Compiled Statutes require taxing districts to disclose by publication and to hold a public hearing on their intention to adopt an aggregate levy amounting to more than 105% of the amount of property taxes extended for the preceding year. The required Notice was published on November 27 in The Southern Illinoisan. The Carbondale Public Library is proposing to levy \$637,097 in 2004, a \$178,866 or 39% increase compared to the 2003 levy of \$458,281. Mr. Doherty noted that in the past, the City has subsidized the Library. Because the City does not levy a property tax for city government purposes, it has become increasingly difficult for the City to subsidize the Library. Based on the Library's Fiscal Year 2006 budget projections, it is necessary to implement a tax levy for \$637,097, which is necessary to fund operations for the year. This should also allow a surplus of approximately \$20,000 which can be allocated to unrestricted financial reserves in the fund balance. In conclusion, City Manager Doherty requested the Council to hold the public hearing.

Mayor Cole invited comments or questions from the public. There was no one in the audience who indicated a desire to speak on this issue. Mayor Cole twice repeated his invitation for public comments or questions. Again, there was no one who indicated a desire to speak during this public hearing.

There being no further comments or questions at this hearing, Mayor Cole declared the public hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

Janet M. Vaught, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on:
