

**Special Meeting
RNR Hearing/Budget Hearing
August 23, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The Herington City Commission met on the above date and time in the commission chamber at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioner Eric Gares, Commissioner Vance Donahue, Commissioner Debi Urbanek, Commissioner Robbin Bell, and Commissioner Ben Castleberry. Also in attendance were City Manager Branden Dross, City Clerk Megan Lawrenz, DJ Neuberger, Carl Urbanek, Shelly Wirtz, Karen Soliz and John Thissen.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gares called the meeting to order.

The public hearing for the 2023 City of Herington Revenue Neutral Rate at 84.592 opened at 6:00pm. DJ Neuberger – 9 S 2nd St. Herington, KS 67449 – Would like to see the water/electric franchise fee be used to pay off debt and not go to special projects. After DJ Neuberger was finished, Mayor Eric Gares held the floor open for 5 minutes before moving onto the action item to approve the 2023 RNR Rate of 84.592.

2023 City of Herington Revenue Neutral Rate at 84.592 - There was discussion on previous RNR rates, and previous Mill Levy values. Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the 2023 Revenue Neutral Rate at 84.592, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Castleberry – Aye
Commissioner Bell – Aye
Commissioner Urbanek – Aye
Commissioner Donahue – Aye
Mayor Gares – Aye

The Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing closed at 6:16pm.

The public Hearing for the 2023 City of Herington Budget – Opened at 6:16pm. DJ Neuberger – 9 S 2nd spoke more about reducing costs for the residents. Mayor Gares held the floor open for 5 minutes.

2023 City of Herington Budget with a Revenue Neutral Rate of 84.592 – There was discussion about the city raising water, sewer, and electric rates to fund projects. Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the 2023 City of Herington Budget with the Revenue Neutral Rate at 84.592, Seconded by Commissioner Urbanek. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Castleberry – Aye
Commissioner Bell – Aye
Commissioner Urbanek – Aye
Commissioner Donahue – Aye
Mayor Gares – Aye

The Budget Hearing Closed at 6:30pm

Commissioner Urbanek made a motion to approve Resolution 959 – A resolution of the city of Herington, Kansas to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate and authorizing the mayor's signature, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Castleberry – Aye
Commissioner Bell – Aye
Commissioner Urbanek – Aye
Commissioner Donahue – Aye

Mayor Gares – Aye

City of Herington's matching funds for the AFG Grant for a new Fire Tanker in the amount of \$16,667.67 – There was discussion about the terms of the AFG grant that the Herington Fire Department Received. Commissioner Urbanek made a motion to approve the city's matching funds in the amount of \$16,667.67, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Donahue made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Castleberry. Motion carried 5-0.

Megan Lawrenz, City Clerk