



- After the vote, Mayor Caiharr advocated for additional outreach to property owners regarding meetings involving eminent domain discussions.
4. **Hear staff presentation regarding mill levy implications for the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) and consider Resolution 2022-10 regarding the same**
    - Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel led this presentation, recapping the changes to the state's budget process that were initiated last year.
    - Mr. Daniel noted the RNR (developed through a state formula and administered by Wyandotte County) is 38.69 mills, or 3.6 mills less than the final FY22 mill levy.
    - Mr. Daniel noted this process has several inadequacies, including that it does not account for expiring IRB properties re-entering the tax roll (for FY23, this includes the Glazer's property, which was assessed at over \$1,000,000).
    - Mr. Daniel pointed out other deficiencies with the RNR process, which seems to disincentivize residential growth by not providing proper context to property tax revenue increases.
    - Mr. Daniel noted that a property valued at \$266,000, the cost could vary about \$140 per year (or \$12 per month). For the City, the difference could be as much as \$350,000 annually.
    - Mr. Daniel reviewed the next steps for this process, which could include Resolution 2022-10, which sets the maximum mill levy at the FY21 rate.
    - The Resolution does not set the mill levy, only sets a public hearing to discuss going over and above the RNR as assigned by the County.
    - Mr. Daniel then reviewed the upcoming calendar for budget development, concluding tentatively at September 12, 2022
    - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-10
    - **Second:** Councilmember Bishop seconded the motion
    - **Vote:** Passes, 4-0
  5. **Consider recessing into Executive Session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) for the preliminary discussion of acquisition of real property**
    - **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the reasons stated, with regular session to resume at 7:05 pm
    - **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
    - **Vote:** Passes, 4-0
    - Executive Sessions held until 7:07 PM
    - **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to return to regular session
    - **Second:** Councilmember Adams seconded the motion
    - **Vote:** Passes, 4-0
    - No action was taken as a result of this meeting.
  6. **City Manager Report**
    - City Manager Michael Webb reviewed some of the grant funding requests he had submitted to Wyandotte County for use of its ARPA funds.
    - Police Chief Mathies recapped a recent meeting with Wyandotte County and Bonner Springs officials, which he felt was helpful and generative.
  7. **Council and Mayor Comments**

Councilmember Adams thanked the Public Safety department heads as well as Wyandotte County officials for opening communication lines as of late. He also noted his dissatisfaction with the RNR process dictated by the state. He felt this was a failing of the "conservative" legislators, dictating the actions of individual communities. He noted he'd like to consider holding the mill levy stable from FY22

due to the long list of priorities the community has been asking for, in addition to the need to compensate City staff appropriately. He also asked for a rough estimate for large-scale road projects and include in future bond measures.

Councilmember Bishop agreed with Councilmember Adams regarding the RNR. He also asked that Council be notified about upcoming public hearings. There was also discussion on providing appropriate public safety for regatta events taking place at the River Front Park.

Councilmember Mellott asked about the recent data breach at the County and if we can count on the accuracy of the data being provided. Mr. Daniel noted that he believed those issues were corrected and that, in most cases, data and revenues are being provided as per normal. Councilmember Mellott reaffirmed his thought that the mill levy should at least remain constant from last year in order to accomplish City Council and community priorities. He also asked for an update on the cost gathering process for new public facilities, which Mr. Webb provided. He also thanked staff for taking care of the felled tree at the City Cemetery. Mr. Daniel gave credit to Van Booven Tree service as well.

Councilmember Shriver asked when the Special Sales Tax will sunset, which staff noted was in 2024. There was additional discussion about the EFD Toy Drive with Thirsty's Bar & Grill. She asked for an update on the possible location for an electronic marquee sign. She closed by wishing everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mayor Caiharr again stressed her desire to see more outreach to property owners if eminent domain items are being discussed at the Council. She also noted that individual household budgets are suffering and would like to keep that in mind during budget discussions, in addition to staffing and infrastructure needs. She also encouraged residents to reach out to County officials to advocate for ARPA dollars going to Edwardsville. She reminded the group about the July 9 mobile food pantry. She also thanked the recent programs put on by Parks & Rec and EFD for the community.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Zachary Daniel  
City Clerk