

CITY OF BASEHOR

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY
BASEHOR, KANSAS 660073-22-07 *JA*

Special City Council Meeting January 15, 1977
11:00 A.M. at the City Offices.

Council Members Present: Mayor Clarence Worley Council-D. Cochran,
M. Sterner, A. Goens, J. Ebert, A. Landauer.

Others Present: Doug Waters, City Attorney; Sylvia Lovvorn, City Clerk;
citizens of the community.

Mayor Worley called this meeting to order with the first order of business being the discussion of having a mill levy increase by putting it on the ballot in April.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Landauer and D. Cochran, who were appointed by the mayor to study the mill levy, gave their findings. Mrs. Landauer began by stating twelve (12) citizens were invited to attend meetings and participate on this committee. Two meetings were held with six (6) citizens attending the first meeting and two (2) attending the second meeting. The committee was unable, due to lack of attendance, to make any written recommendation at this time. Cochran gave some data he had compiled. His recommendation to council was that a 3 mill increase be taken to the voters. He stated that Basehor has the lowest tax rate of any city in the County of Leavenworth. He further stated that the 3 mill would give us an increase of approximately \$6,500.00 or \$14.00 per year for the average home in Basehor. He stated the reason for the needed increase would be the general need for added revenue, plus the effect of inflation combined with the tax lid would cause us, in a few years, to be spending more for the same services. The council felt a definite program with specific expenditures should be prepared and presented to the public. Mayor Worley asked if the council felt a 3 mill increase would be sufficient to take care of the needed services? Much discussion followed with D. Cochran stating the 3 mill increase would put us to about 9½ mills and Lansing at 10 mills would be the next lowest. Mayor Worley cautioned the council against comparing Basehor with other towns. "We must look only to our needs," he said. Cochran gave an example of the people living in the Rickel, Meyer and Poupirt additions who are now paying \$70.00 would pay \$100.00 and the older part of town now paying \$20.00 would pay \$23.00. Following much discussion council agreed that a 3 mill increase would not be enough of an increase, but it would be better to allow the voters this small increase now rather than a very large increase later. Mayor Worley said he wanted a flyer or something in the paper to explain to the voters what they could expect from a mill increase. A. Landauer made council aware of a questionnaire she had prepared for distribution to the public. She had presented this to the committee and they had made a few changes. Cochran said he had not had a chance to study it and would not be agreeable to it at this point. Waters volunteered to get the wording for the ballot as well as the date this mill increase information should be given to the county clerk. Discussion followed concerning what the money would be spent on should the levy pass. Streets and Police Department were topics discussed. Council agreed that the finance committee will write up the presentation of the levy and questionnaire for council consideration. Cochran asked for money to be approved to pay Wayne Wolf for his services in getting the facts put together. Council agreed to this. Waters stated no public hearing is required by law but that the question must be printed three weeks in a row. A. Landauer moved to allow the 3 mill levy increase to be added to the April ballot. M. Sterner gave a second to this motion. Five yes-opposed none. Motion Carried. Waters suggested a newspaper interview with each council member would be good public relations.

*Alternative means of raising revenue would be to amend the tax laws
This discussion was brief with Attorney Waters being asked to look
into the new annexation laws.*

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UPDATE KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

Waters stated that our set of Kansas Statutes needed to be updated and asked the council to direct the clerk to obtain these.

PETITION ON SOLID WASTE ANSWERED

Waters said that the petition on Solid Waste that was filed by Robert Bryan was filed in the wrong court. He also gave the clerk a copy of his answer to the petition asking that copies be made for members of the council.

TRACTOR REPAIR

Mayor Worley asked A. Goens to report on the tractor repair. Goens stated that the tractor is broken down now and does have an oil leak, does need an overhaul kit and the clutch is gone. More labor will be required to repair engine and replace sleeves. Following discussion council agreed to a council poll when the price of the work is available. Clerk will poll the council on this matter. Goens will get this information to the clerk.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Carolee Gabel was not present to discuss raise in her contract. Sterner had asked for something in writing from her but did not get it. Reavis stated Mr. Gabel called and said Mrs. Gabel was unable to get off of work to attend the meeting. No action was taken.

There being no further business D. Cochran moved this meeting be adjourned. J. Ebert gave a second to this motion. Five yes-opposed none. Motion Carried.

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