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## **Monthly Member Meeting** March 20, 2014 **Minutes**

JCLC President, Mayor Bill Dieruf, welcomed everyone opened the meeting at 7:00PM. He opened with introductions of city officials and guests.

Minutes: He referred everyone to the February 20, 2014 Member Meeting Minutes that are at their seats. The minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Treasurer Report: JCLC Treasurer, Councilmember Jim Ising, gave the Treasurer Report. February 1, 2014 balance of \$10,672.81; income interest of \$.16c; expenses of \$2,050.16 and a balance as of February 28, 2014 of \$8,622.81. He stated that he has copies available if attendees would like one.

Mayor Bill Dieruf opened the meeting for community reports:

- 1. Ky. League of Cities: Marty Nemes of KLC referred everyone to the KLC website, www.klc.org for information on upcoming training programs for city leaders. The next one scheduled is the City Officials Academy, COA II, Economic Development and Municipal Law, May 7-9, 2014 in Owensboro, Kv., Owensboro, Kv. The 2014 KLC Conference & Expo will be October 7-10, 2014 at the Galt House in Louisville.
- 2. Governor's Office: Bill Herron, Department for Local Government, reported that the City Reclassification legislation is projected to pass out of House Committee for a vote by the entire House. Gov. Beshear has endorsed this legislation.

Mayor Bill Dieruf gave an update report on the following:

- 1. Local Option Sales Tax: The JCLC Board has been working with KLC leadership and Mayor Greg Fischer on this legislation for a constitutional amendment to be placed on the ballot. JCLC influenced the final draft of the proposed enabling legislation if the proposed amendment legislation passes the House & Senate. The JCLC Board has endorsed the opportunity for voters to vote on a proposed constitutional amendment.
- 2. Annexation: The JCLC Board leadership has been in discussions with Mayor Greg Fischer, Metro President Jim King, and Councilman Kelly Downard on this issue. The Metro Council has a Work Group drafting policies and procedures for annexation requests to Metro Council. The City of St. Matthews and the City of Jeffersontown are drafting annexation ordinances for residences and businesses that are adjacent to their respective cities. The JCLC leadership is working to preserve the right of cities to accept annexation from residents and businesses. The Metro Council has the authority to approve all annexation through the passage of the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government legislation.

Mayor Bill Dieruf introduced Tony Lindauer, Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator. He complimented Tony for his work with cities on property valuation issues and his Associate membership in JCLC.

Tony thanked Mayor Dieruf and the cities for the opportunity to meet with them and for their relationship with his office. He said that his goal is to create partnerships in the communities with cities, business, citizens and others on the issues around property valuation. He and his administrative staff will cover 2014 Louisville property reassessment.

He said that recent Metro budget constraints on his office may make it difficult to complete the reassessment process for 2014. The PVA office is ten staff people short because of the budget constraints. Thus, the tax rollout is in jeopardy. He is lobbying for state funding to fill this budget gap. He introduced his administrative officer over property assessment for presentation on this process.

Residential Valuation Process: The PVA office has developed a system of market Areas within Jefferson County. The MLS is using 2013 assessment figures. It is presently developing submarkets. Submarkets are based on old urban neighborhood boundaries. This includes defining neighborhoods comparing houses of the same age for comparison. The value is based on 2011-13 sale price. Each submarket is viewed individually and home sales were grouped by house type.

2014 Residential Assessment: There are 12 submarkets, 13,809 parcels reassessed. They are 2% lower in value from previous assessment.

Commercial: The valuation process is currently focused on the Central Business District within the Urban Service District. The approaches to determine value are, sales comparison, cost, income generated. The income approach is the most reliable.

Steps to Reassessment: 1. Determine income rates. 2. Determine economic units. 3. Determine land values. 4. Determine income values for each property.

The business corridors for future reassessment: Dixie Highway; Preston Street; Bardstown Road; Shelbyville Road; Taylorsville Road.

Tony concluded the presentation by explaining the present assessment policy based on income which is becoming the new bases for assessment. He and his staff opened the floor for questions and answers.

Mayor Dieruf thanked Tony for his presentation. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Will Executive Director