

MINUTES – SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION  
CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA  
APRIL 19, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special City Council Meeting for the Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent Council Chamber, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, April 19, 2021. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021, members of the City Council and City Staff were given the option to appear by telephone or Zoom. Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Ryan Hutchinson, Cheryl Jostad, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner, Dale Williams and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller, City Attorney Skip Wieser, and City Administrative Assistant Angie Boettcher.

Also in attendance were: Perry Knopick, Property Appraiser for Winona County (via Zoom); Luke Onstad, Houston County Assessor; Joel Olson, Houston County Assessor's Office; Dave Feuerhelm, Houston County Assessor's Office; Teresa Walter, Houston County Commissioner; and Dewey Severson, Houston County Commissioner.

An introduction was made by Mayor Poellinger. Mr. Knopick from the Winona County Assessor's Office addressed the Council via Zoom regarding no inquiries from La Crescent property owners in Winona County. There were no property owners from Winona County in attendance to appeal. A brief presentation was made by Mr. Onstad, Mr. Olson and Mr. Feuerhelm from the Houston County Assessor's Office. They provided the City Council and members of the public with residential sales data for the preceding year.

Mayor Poellinger opened the meeting for public comment. Numerous property owners addressed the City Council regarding their property valuation.

The following members of the public wished to address the City Council and representatives from the Houston County Assessor's Office: Susan Laska – 1423 Grandview Ct; Jeff Holthaus – 614 Shore Acres Rd; Dick Wieser – 509 N Chestnut St on behalf of the La Crescent Hotel Group, LLC; Roger Malmin – 731 S 7<sup>th</sup> St; Susan Boisvert – 310 South Oak St; Bart Pedretti – 226 Shore Acres Rd; Mary Herlitzka – 301 Hillview Blvd; Gary Olson – 118 Dell Ave; and Ryan Hanifl on behalf of his family – 238 Shore Acres Rd. Gary Olson was present not to appeal his market valuation but to learn more about the evaluation process.

Extended discussion ensued with representatives from the Houston County Assessor's Office. The Board of Appeal and Equalization requested the Houston County Assessor to review the appeals made at the meeting and report back to the City Council at a reconvened meeting.

Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Jostad, as follows:

**MOTION TO RECESS THE BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING FOR HOUSTON AND WINONA COUNTY PROPERTIES AND RECONVENE THE MEETING ON MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021 AT 5:30 PM AT CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LA CRESCENT CITY HALL.**

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Ryan Hutchinson	Yes
Cherryl Jostad	Yes
Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried, and the meeting was recessed at 6:30 PM.

As the meeting was recessed, there was no further business that could come before the Board for its consideration.

APPROVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator