

MINUTES - BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
APRIL 20, 2020
5:30 PM

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special 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 Community Building, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, April 20, 2020. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.021, members of the City Council and City Staff were given the option to appear by telephone. Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Ryan Hutchinson (via telephone), Cheryl Jostad, Teresa O'Donnell-Ebner (via telephone), Dale Williams and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller and City Attorney Skip Wieser.

Also in attendance via telephone were: Jack Miller, Houston County Commissioner; Cindy Cresswell Hatleli, Houston County Assessor; Leilani Powell, Property Appraiser for Houston County; Perry Knopick, Property Appraiser for Winona County; and Teresa Walter, Houston County Commissioner.

An introduction was made by County Commissioner Miller, and brief presentations were made by both Ms. Cresswell Hatleli and Ms. Powell from the Houston County Assessor's Office. Ms. Cresswell Hatleli provided the City Council and members of the public with residential sales data for both Houston County and the City of La Crescent. The Assessor's office explained the sales ratio and how it was utilized to calculate the estimated fair market value.

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: Robert Frey, Tom Poellinger, Jerry Steffes, Randy Gibson, and Ryan Hutchinson. There were no other members of the public who called in on the provided telephone line to be added to the Board of Appeal.

Ms. Powell reviewed with the City Council a list of property owners that were on the list that had not been contacted but will be contacted before the meeting on May 26, 2020. That list is attached and on file with the City.

Ms. Powell also reviewed with City Council a list of property owners that had resolved their property values with the Houston County Assessor's Office prior to the meeting and did not wish to further appeal. A list of those individuals, including the agreement reached with the Assessor's Office, is as follows:

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Property Owners Who Have Appealed Valuation But Have Resolved
the Appeal with Houston County Assessor's Office

PROPERTY OWNER	PARCEL #	ADDRESS	PROPOSED 2020 EMV	Agreed EMV
Asher, Toni	25.1340.000	1314 Juniper Street	202,500	193,100
Bakalars, Paul	25.1858.001	Regent Drive	No Change	
Balacek, Patricia	25.1883.000	68 McIntosh Road East	460,200	387,900
Bauer, Terry (Bauer Estates)	25.0821.000	420 Larch Avenue	170,000	143,100
Byom, Michael	25.1935.000	228 Red Apple Drive	478,900	470,600
Conway, Mary	25.1194.000	505 Oak Street South	No Change	
Curran, Jeff	25.1255.003	90 Shore Acres Road	475,300	466,500
Dickson, John	25.1255.002	94 Shore Acres Road	518,900	483,300
Erickson, Rob & Sandy	25.2149.001	1330 Valley Lane	No Change	
Husmann, Greg	25.1271.008	621 North 4th Street	268,000	223,100
Kasten, Patricia	25.0093.000	418 Walnut Place	198,500	176,900
Lathrop, Steve	25.1933.000	220 Red Apple Drive	No Change	
Meyer, Robert & Ryan	25.0921.000	418 Fireside Drive	No Change	
Nelson, Harlan	25.1889.000	36 McIntosh Drive East	694,400	615,300
Quinn, Doug	25.1660.000	179 Eagle Bluff Road	362,700	337,700
Roberts, Steve	25.2240.000	619 11 Street South	325,600	293,600
Schild, Greg	25.1790.000	217 Haralson Lane	339,600	315,900
Schuh, Connie	25.0515.000	704 4th Street South	275,400	222,400
Wernecke, Gregg	25.0514.000	712 South 4th Street	184,600	151,700
Wert, Greg	25.1860.000	510 Regent Drive	No Change	
Zieke, Steve & Dolder, Pauline	25.0478.007	459 South 3rd Street	155,400	144,100
Zieke, Steve & Dolder, Pauline	25.0478.006	451 South 3rd Street	158,500	144,100

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

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HOUSTON COUNTY ASSESSOR AND REDUCE OR NOT CHANGE THE ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY FOR CITY OF LA CRESCENT PROPERTY OWNERS AS PRESENTED.

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.

Ms. Powell also reviewed with the City Council those property owners who have discussed their valuations with the Assessor's Office but have not reached an agreement on valuation and wish to have the City Council review. Those property owners are as follows:

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Property Owners Who Have Appealed Valuation and Not Resolved with Houston County Assessor's Office

PROPERTY OWNER	PARCEL #	ADDRESS	PROPOSED 2020 EMV	Agreed EMV
Poellinger, Tom	25.1829.000	770 Shore Acres Road	963,500	
La Crescent Hotel Group	25.2250.000	509 N. Chestnut St.	3,889,200	
Moser, Darren	25.1653.000	188 Eagles Bluff Rd	299,000	

Mr. Knopick of the Winona County Assessor's Office reviewed with City Council that there would be no change in value regarding the property for Dale Meyer at 551 Red Apple Drive.

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 TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 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 duly adjourned at 6:34 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator