

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
ACTING AS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION &
OF THE SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
HELD MAY 27, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of City Commissioners met as the Board of Tax Equalization at the City Office on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 12:00 P.M. with the following members present: Commissioners Craig Stromme, Tim Heisler and President Richard Johnson. Commissioners Rick Morse and Dale Robbins were absent. Also present were the City Assessor Gary Martinson and Mark Lange and Donna Wolf from the Assessing Department.

President Johnson called the meeting to order and turned it over to the City Assessor, Gary Martinson who presented a brief narrative on the purpose of the meeting and the duties of the Board.

The City Assessor stated this is the annual Board of Equalization for 2015. For any increase of \$3,000 or more and 10% or more a notice must be sent. The City Assessor reviewed the packet with the Commission.

1. Devils Lake Changes 2015 – True and Full Value: All residential property \$100,000 and over was increased by 5%, and commercial property was increased by 4% to comply with state regulations. The sales ratio was approximately 89%, and the median has to be above 90%. Discussion followed on increases and decreases on some of the parcels.
2. The TIF projects were reviewed.
3. True and Full Valuation for 2015 is \$321,171,328.
4. The exemption lists were reviewed.

Commissioner Heisler moved to approve the 2015 Valuations as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stromme, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Stromme moved to approve the 2015 Property Tax Exemption List, 2015 Blind Exemption List, 2015 Veteran Exemption List and 2015 Senior Citizens & Disabled Person Property Tax List as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heisler, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Heisler moved to approve the 2-year property tax exemption for new construction of residential property up to \$75,000 for James C & Petra M Jacobsen as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stromme, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Stromme moved to approve the 2-year property tax exemption for new construction of residential property up to \$75,000 for Gerald A & Linda L Schmidt as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heisler, and the motion carried unanimously.

President Johnson adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 12:32 P.M. and called to order the special City Commission meeting.

President Johnson stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss two change orders and a certificate of substantial completion.

The City Engineer asked to table the change order for Naastad Brothers since the contract has not been received back from the contractor.

Commissioner Heisler moved to table Change Order No 1 for Naastad Brothers Inc for Water & Sewer Improvement District No 59-14 – Smith Dr SW as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stromme, and the motion carried unanimously.

The City Assessor stated Duinick finished all the work they could do in 2012; however, there was some work behind the clubhouse which could not be completed until the Corps' project was finished. The Corps would not allow the contractor on in 2013 to finish. The contract will be reduced for the unfinished part so the contract can be closed out. A local contractor will be hired to finish once the Corps is done. The City would have to pay Duinick for mobilization in order for them to come back to finish the project.

Commissioner Stromme moved to approve Change Order No 7 for Duinick Inc for DL Golf Course Realignment – Phase II for the deletion of all retainage and unfinished work for a net decrease of \$26,402.37 as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heisler, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Heisler moved to approve the certificate of substantial completion for Duinick Inc for DL Golf Course Realignment – Phase II as recommended by the City Engineer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stromme, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:36 P.M.

LINDA LYBECK
CITY AUDITOR

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT