

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
ACTING AS THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
HELD APRIL 14, 2020

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Board of City Commissioners held a web hosted meeting as the Board of Tax Equalization on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 12:00 P.M. with the following members present: Commissioners Dale Robbins, Shane Hamre, Rob Hach, Jacob Volk and President Richard Johnson. None were absent. Also present were the City Assessor Gary Martinson, Mark Lange, and Helen Carlson.

President Johnson reviewed the procedures for the equalization meeting.

The City Assessor, Gary Martinson, 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 2020. For any increase of \$3,000.00 or more and 10% or more a notice must be sent. The City Assessor reviewed the packet with the Commission.

1. Devils Lake Changes 2020 – True and Full Value: Commercial property on average was in compliance with state regulations. The sales ratio on residential was approximately 89.3%, and the median must be above 90% so an adjustment of 5% was made. The commercial sales ratio was 91.7%. Discussion followed on increases and decreases on some of the parcels.
2. The TIF projects were reviewed.
3. True and Full Valuation for 2020 is \$394,246,101.
4. The exemption lists were reviewed.

The City Assessor presented an appeal of the valuation for parcel 39-0000-00579-001. The City Assessor explained Vanguard Appraisals set the value and had reviewed several other properties within the City.

Commissioner Robbins moved to deny the appeal to lower the valuation for parcel 39-0000-00579-001 as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the 2020 Veteran Exemption List as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach. On roll call Commissioners Robbins, Hamre, Hach and President Johnson voted aye. Commissioner Volk abstained. The motion carried.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the 2020 Property Tax Exemption List as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the 2020 Blind Exemption List as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the 2020 Homestead Credit Exemption List as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hach. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the 2-year property tax exemption for new construction of residential property up to \$75,000 for Peter Foss as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamre. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Robbins moved to approve the 2-year property tax exemption for new construction of residential property up to \$75,000 for Dean Stienkeoway as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Volk moved to approve the 2-year property tax exemption for new construction of residential property up to \$75,000 for Oybek Turayev as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robbins. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

Commissioner Hamre moved to approve the 2020 Valuations as recommended by the City Assessor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Volk. On roll call all Commissioners voted aye, and the motion carried.

President Johnson adjourned the Board of Equalization meeting at 12:47 P.M.

LINDA LYBECK
CITY AUDITOR

RICHARD S. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT