

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the continuation of the Board of Equalization and Appeals meeting and a Special City Council meeting was duly held in the City Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011. The following members were present: Mayor Diane Barrett, Council Members Fred Barsness, Bryan Haugen, and Brian Paulson. Absent: Richard Nielsen. Also present: City Administrator Chris Heineman and Administrative Assistant Pam Blow. Representing the Goodhue County Assessor's Office was Mike Frankenberg.

*Barrett opened the continuation of the Board of Equalization and Appeals at 9:00 a.m.*

**Dean Musgjerd**

**66.530.0050**

This property is located at 430 Huseth Street, and Musgjerd addressed the Board regarding Frankenberg's recommendation to value his property at \$246,200 for 2011. Musgjerd distributed a handout that listed comparable home sales and two listings for property similar to his. Frankenberg noted that his valuation was based on sales figures from 10/1/09 to 9/30/10, and that the Vanguard system for calculating values is a tool that uses comparable sales, quality and condition. Barsness owns a home on Huseth Street, and noted that if the value is adjusted too far below the recommendation of the Assessor's office, that more homeowners may object to their values next year. Motion by Haugen, seconded by Paulson to adjust the 2011 assessed value for Musgjerd's property to \$232,100. Motion carried 3-0-1, with Barsness abstaining.

The Assessor has recommended the following changes:

**Don Broin**

**66.400.0050**

603 Forest Street – from \$146,600 to \$144,600

**John Kirlin and Ramona Meyer**

**66.260.0050**

502 Forest Street – From \$144,100 to \$127,700

**Ron Peterson**

**66.460.0341**

631 Front Street - from \$138,200 to \$120,300.

**James Miner**

**66.660.0301**

½ acre parcel – from \$2,300 to \$1,100

**Wallace Voxland**

**66.360.0300**

103 4<sup>th</sup> Street – from \$137,500 to \$127,600

**David Wickum**

**66.540.0620**

132 Langford Ave. – from \$77,600 to \$65,900

**66.540.0410**

15 Red Wing Avenue – from \$72,000 to \$59,800

**Tom Thunhorst**

**66.620.0050**

330 6<sup>th</sup> Street – from \$180,700 to \$162,400

**Rodney Rauk**

**66.180.0060**

2 Deer Ridge Road – from \$183,000 to \$173,900

**James Miner Jr.**

**66.66-160-0220**

326 Trondheim Road – from \$165,800 to \$149,900

**Harvey Fossum**

**66.200.0020**

322 Bergen Circle – from \$168,600 to \$149,700

Motion by Haugen, seconded by Paulson to accept the recommended changes for all properties as noted above. Motion carried 4-0-0.

**Gerald & Diane Barrett**

**66.540.0090, 66.540.0120 and 66.540.0230**

Goodhue County Board to determine.

**Jerry Bartel**

**66.180.0052**

Bartel has been out of town, and Frankenberg will look at the property and make recommendations to the Goodhue County Board.

**Christopher Heineman**

**66.540.1010**

Goodhue County Board to determine.

*There being no further business, Barrett closed the Board of Equalization and Appeal at 9:50 a.m.*

**Police Department Staffing**

According to Heineman, there have been fifty-nine applications received to date for the part-time position posting for the Police Department. One alternative to accommodate the five minute response time and being a city resident for on-call, would be to renovate the office space in the ambulance building. There is a restroom and shower facility already in the building, and the renovation would cost approximately \$750 to convert the space. The EDA (who owns the building) addressed this at their recent meeting, and thought this was a reasonable amount and would support the change. Interviews of potential candidates will be done as soon as possible, and Heineman suggested that Council may want to consider one part-time position become full-time in the near future. Chief Sjolander noted that if a candidate already works as a police officer, we would not have the expense of the psychiatric evaluation and background checks because we could get those from the current employer. Sjolander further stated that the department will get reimbursed for a full-time officer's bullet-proof vest, but not for a part-time officer. One recommendation was to hire a full-time officer, but have no benefits during the probationary period. Heineman suggested that Officer Harvey's salary be reviewed at the next Personnel Committee Meeting.

There being no further business, motion by Paulson, seconded by Barsness to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. Motion carried 4-0-0.

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Pam Blow, Administrative Assistant

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Diane Barrett, Mayor