

**EQUALIZATION/SPECIAL MEETING DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 2018**

The De Smet Common Council met in special session on March 19, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Gary Wolkow, Jay Slater, Lowell Hanson, Norm Whitaker, Don Bohn, George Cavanaugh, Interim Clerk Kristy Hubbard and School Board member Jared Tolzin. Absent: Larry Jensen. Also present: Equalization Director Tammy Anderson.

The purpose of this special meeting was to convene as a Board of Equalization to hear appeals on property assessments.

CONVENE AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order and declared the Council to be convened as a Board of Equalization.

APPEAL #1: Parcel #5701 Michael Beyer was present to appeal the assessed value of his residence located on property legally described as Lots 6 & 7 in OL 20 OL G Cty Aud Plat of Outlots Wolkerhauer Sub Division. Information was provided by Beyer on the cost to purchase the residence. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, to reduce the structure assessed value by \$22,696.00 based on actual purchase price, all voting aye, motion carried.

APPEAL #2, #3, & #4: Frederick Johnson was present to appeal the assessed value of three separate properties based upon the cost to purchase these properties and one property that is being renovated. **Parcel #5808** is a garage located on property legally described as Lot 7, Block 5, Carroll's Addition. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Bohn, to reduce the structure assessed value by \$6,051.00 based on other comparable properties, all voting aye, motion carried. **Parcel #5679** is a residential structure that is being renovated on property legally described as 57.8' x 75' NE Corner OL 12 & S 22' x 75' of N 100' OL M of OL G, Western Town Lot Co. Outlots. Motion by Slater, seconded by Hansen to reduce the structure assessed value by \$3,279.00, all voting aye, motion carried. **Parcel #5861** is a residential structure located on property legally described as Lot 14, Block 10, Carroll's Addition. Motion by Slater, seconded by Cavanaugh to leave the current assessed value as assessed, all voting aye, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:35, motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater to go into executive session for the purpose of confidential information to be presented to the board, all voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Wolkow declared the board out of executive session at 5:38 PM

APPEAL #5: Parcel #6011 Due to a recent fire that caused damage to the structure located on property legally described as Lot 9 Exc S65', Block 1, Ely's Addition, owned by Jack Mann, a recommendation by the Director of Equalization was made to reduce the structure value due to the damages. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Slater, to reduce the structure value by \$52,695.00, all voting aye, motion carried.

ASSESSMENT BOOKS: There being no further objections filed, the assessment books were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Whitaker to approve the assessment books, all voting aye, motion carried.

Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Whitaker, to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the city council, all voting aye, motion carried.

SHOOTING RANGE: Discussion was held about the use of the RUS for a clay shooting range. Discussion of the shooting range will be tabled until the April 11, 2018 regular council meeting when more information regarding the insurance, fencing can be presented.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the board, motion was made by Hansen to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Gary Wolkow, Mayor

Kristy Hubbard, Interim Clerk

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