

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016
LENNOX CITY HALL – 107 S MAIN ST.**

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 7:05 PM and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Mayor Wiebers, Tracy West, Marlyn Jacobson, Alan Ratliff, Mike Gregg, Greg Poppenga and Phil Fett. Staff present was Finance Officer Jerry Jones. Also present were Merris Miller, representing the Lennox School Board, Ray Lundy, Art Ringen, Daniel and Kristin Larsen, Wayne and Amy Fischer, Marie Roff, Paul Jacobson, Chad Wulf, Mitch Mergen, Kirk Easton, Anne Homan and Wayne Peterson.

AGENDA:

Motion by Gregg, second by Poppenga to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Mayor Wiebers called to order the meeting of the Board of Equalization at 7:06 PM to hear appeals from property owners and to review the assessment listing of property valuations for 2016. 10 appeal forms were received for the board to review and the Board of Equalization decision is as follows:

Ray Lundy, Parcel #250.10.09.009, land-\$12,800, Structure- \$100,280, Total-\$113,080. Motion by Gregg, second by Fett to reduce the value to land-\$12,800, structure-85,200, total-\$98,000. Upon roll call vote, aye- Gregg, Poppenga, Fett, Miller; Nay-West, Jacobson, Ratliff. Motion carried on a 4 to 3 vote. Motion carried.

Richard Mossefin, Parcel #250.110.17.009 land-\$14,000, structure-\$83,950, Total-\$97,950. Motion by West, second by Poppenga to leave the assessed value at the Director of Equalization value, land-\$14,000, Structure-\$83,950, total-\$97,950. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

John Pien, parcel #250.18.14.006, land-\$11,500, structure-\$88,410, total-\$99,910. Motion by Gregg, second by Jacobson to leave the assessed value at the Director of Equalization value, land-\$11,500, structure-\$88,410, total-\$99,910. With West abstaining, upon roll call vote, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Art Ringen, parcel #250.18.08.003, land-\$14,000, structure-\$100,370, total-\$114,370, Mr. Ringen addressed the board not to appeal this year's assessment but to review the assessment which was done last year in which his value was \$146,650. Mr. Ringen asked if anything could be done about the large increase last year to help his tax bill. The board commented that they could do nothing about last year's assessment but would recommend the county take a look at the 2015 assessment and ask them for an adjustment.

Chad Reilly, parcel #250.24.12.004, land-\$16,800, structure-\$198,375, total-\$215,175. Motion by Ratliff, second by West to leave the assessed value at the Director of Equalization value, land-\$16,800, structure-\$198,375, total-\$215,175. With Gregg abstaining, upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Daniel Larsen, Parcel #250.33.00.061A, land-\$32,312, structure-\$224,250, total-\$256,562. Motion by West, second by Jacobson to lower the assessed value at the recommendation of the Director of Equalization, land-\$32,312, structure-\$195,000, total-\$227,312. Upon roll call vote, all members voted aye.

Wayne Fischer, parcel #250.33.00.035A, land-\$15,000, structure-\$17,250, total-\$32,250. Mr. Fischer addressed his concern of the property as the value will drop when the Hi-Way 17 project goes through this year and the property will lose the function of the property and request the value to be lowered. Motion by Gregg, second by Jacobson to lower the value of the property to the requested value because the loss of function, land-\$12,000, structure-\$4,000, total-\$16,000. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Gerald Schryvers, parcel #250.44.06.007, land-\$16,000, structure-\$111,550, total-\$127,550. Motion by West, second by Jacobson to leave the assessed value at the Director of Equalization value, land-\$16,000, Structure-\$111,550, total-\$127,550. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Brian Zirpel, parcel# 250.67.01.002A, land-\$24,225, structure-\$264,240, total-\$288,465. Motion by Gregg, second by Fett to lower the value to the appealed amount by the owner to land-\$24,225, structure-\$240,660, total-\$264,885. Upon roll call vote, nay-West, Ratliff, Miller, aye-Gregg, Poppenga, Jacobson, Fett. Motion carried.

Marie Roff, parcel #250.85.03.013, structure 20,418. Motion by West, second by Gregg to lower the assessment value to the requested value by the owner to structure \$12,564. Upon roll call vote, all members present vote aye. Motion carried.

The board then reviewed the assessment record and found no corrections.

Adjournment: Motion by Gregg, second by West to adjourn as the Board of Equalization at 8:26 PM. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 8:27 PM. Members present were Orville Wiebers, Tracy West, Mike Gregg, Marlyn Jacobson, Alan Ratliff, Phil Fett and Greg Poppenga. Staff present was Finance Officer Jerry Jones. Also present were Anne Homan, Chad Wulf, Mitch Mergen, Kirk Easton and Wayne Peterson.

VIISITORS TO BE HEARD: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

BNSF Pipeline Agreement: Motion by Jacobson, second by West to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the BNSF pipeline agreement for the Hi-Way 17 project. Motion carried.

Lennox School Project Variance: Kirk Easton and Mitch Mergen met with the Council to discuss the variance request. Mitch explained that two of the variance issues have been taken care of and no need for the variance but the front yard setback variance is still being requested. Motion by Jacobson, second by Gregg to take the variance off the table for Council consideration. Motion carried. Upon further discussion, motion by Gregg, second by West to approve the variance request by the Lennox School. Upon roll call vote, all members voted nay to deny to variance request. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vacate Street Petition request: A petition from LADC and Wilson Trailer Company to vacate the Industrial Street south of Oriole Street in the industrial park was presented for Council consideration. After discussion, motion by West, second by Gregg to approve to set the public hearing date for the vacate petition at the regular Council meeting on April 11, 2016. Upon roll call vote, West-aye; Poppenga-aye; Jacobson-aye; Ratliff-aye; Gregg-aye; Fett-nay; motion carried on the 5 to 1 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by West, second by Gregg to go into executive session at 8:45 PM to discuss personnel. Motion carried. Mayor Wiebers declared executive session ended at 9:20 PM with no action taken.

Other item discussed was the consensus of the Council to research the purchase of a Kawasaki Mule 4 wheel utility vehicle for the City departments.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jacobson, second by West to adjourn at 9:22 PM. All members present, voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Jerry Jones, Finance Officer

Orville Wiebers, Mayor