

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
LENNOX CITY HALL – 107 S MAIN ST.**

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 7:00 PM and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Orville Wiebers, Tracy West, Mike Gregg, Russ Nelson Glenn Nelson and Merris Miller, representing the Lennox School Board. Absent were Darin Olson and Greg Poppenga. Staff present was Finance Officer Jerry Jones. Other present were Greg Stack, Paul Jacobson and Wayne Peterson.

AGENDA:

Motion by West, second by R. Nelson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Mayor Wiebers called to order the meeting of the Board of Equalization at 7:00 PM to hear appeals from property owners and to review the assessment listing of property valuations for 2014. One appeal was filed and was parcel number 250.17.00.008A. The appeal was for the property value and the request was to reduce the amount from \$15,409 to \$12,000. The assessment director had reviewed the appeal last year and recommended to lower the value from \$15,409 to \$12,000. Do to circumstances, the reduction in property value did not happen last year. After further discussion and explanation, motion by West, second by R. Nelson to lower the valuation of parcel number 250.17.00.008A from \$15,409 to \$12,000. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization then reviewed the assessment listing of property values for 2014. A few questions were discussed on several properties. Having no other appeals to address, motion by West, second by R. Nelson to adjourn as the Board of Equalization at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 8:00 PM. Members present were Orville Wiebers, Tracy West, Mike Gregg, Russ Nelson and Glenn Nelson. Absent were Darin Olson and Greg Poppenga. Staff present were Finance Officer Jerry Jones and Public Works Director Greg Stack Others present were Paul Jacobson and Wayne Peterson.

Minutes: Motion by Gregg, second by West to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Visitors to be heard: None at this time.

Old Business:

Planning and Zoning Appointments: The Council discussed options on the appointment of the Planning and Zoning Board and agreed to have the appointment made at the April meeting each year, change the terms to two year terms instead of 3 years and have the positions alternating each year. The ordinance change for appointing the Planning and Zoning Board will be first read at the March 31 special meeting.

Resend Motion: Motion by Gregg, second by G. Nelson to resend the motion made in committee reports to approve the proposal from SECOG to sync the map with the County GPS system for the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion carried. Motion by Gregg, second by G. Nelson to approve the proposal from SECOG to sync the City of Lennox map system with the County GIS system in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion carried.

2013 Annual Report: The final 2013 annual report for the City of Lennox was presented for approval. After discussion, motion by West, second by Gregg to approve the City of Lennox 2013 annual report as presented. Motion carried.

New Business:

Distress Warrants: The Council discussed the distress warrants auction to be held on Friday, March 21, 2014 on 10 properties in city limits, to set a cap on how much to spend at the auction and the cost of cleaning up the properties. After further discussion, motion by West, second by Gregg to set the total expenditures of purchasing the distress warrants at \$4,000.00 and to have Public Works Director Greg Stack and Finance Officer Jerry Jones represent the City of Lennox during the auction. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Housing Needs Study Program Contract: Motion by West, second by R. Nelson to approve the professional service agreement between the City of Lennox and Community Partners Research Incorporated to conduct the Housing Needs Study for the City of Lennox. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Other items discussed were the Lions Club requesting the City of Lennox to participate in installing the new drinking fountain at the city park, the parks and recreation advisory board addressed having a master plan of the parks system done to set goals for the parks plan and ideas for use of the park system and the new scoreboard is to be installed at the ball field by June 1, 2014.

Executive Session: No need for executive session at this time.

Adjournment: Motion by Gregg, second by West to adjourn at 9:20 PM. All members present, voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Jerry Jones, Finance Officer

Orville Wiebers, Mayor