

**LENNOX CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015
LENNOX CITY HALL – 107 S MAIN ST.**

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 7:21 PM and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Orville Wiebers, Tracy West, Mike Gregg, Russ Nelson, Darin Olson and Merris Miller representing the Lennox School Board. Absent were Phillip Fett and Greg Poppenga. Staff present was Finance Officer Jerry Jones and Public Works Director Greg Stack. Also present were Paul Jacobson, Marlyn Jacobson, Sonja Beckwith, Mike Beckwith, Landon Poppens, Joyce Pingrey, Wayne and Amy Fischer, Travis Albers, Casey Jorgensen, Gerald Berg, Jason Glenn, John Glenn, Gerald and Susan Schryvers, Debbie Schmidt and Wayne Peterson.

AGENDA:

Motion by Gregg, second by Olson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Mayor Wiebers called to order the meeting of the Board of Equalization at 7:22 PM to hear appeals from property owners and to review the assessment listing of property valuations for 2015. 13 appeal forms were received for the board to review and the Board of Equalization decision is as follows:

Wilson Trailer Sales, Parcel #250-15-00.C100, Land-\$211,640, Structure-\$9,000.000, Total value- \$9,211,640
Motion by West, second by Olson to leave the assessed property value for Wilson Trailer Sales as assessed by the Director of Equalization, Land -\$211,640, Structure-\$9,000.000, Total Value-\$9,211,640. Motion carried.

Gerald and Susan Schryvers, Parcel #250.44.06.007, Land-\$16,000 Structure-115,730 Total \$131,730
Motion by Nelson, second by Gregg to lower the assessed property value for Gerald and Susan Schryvers to the property owners requested amount of land-\$16,000 Structure-\$97,000 Total-\$113,000. Upon roll call vote, Nelson-aye; Olson-aye; Gregg-aye; Miller-aye; West-nay; Motion carried on a 5 to 1 vote.

Ray Lundy, Parcel #250.10.09.009, Land- \$12,800, Structure-\$107,020, Total \$119,820
Motion by West, second by Gregg to approve the lowered Director of Equalizations assessed property value recommendation for Ray Lundy, Land-\$12,800, Structure-\$107,020 Total Value-\$119,820. Upon roll call vote, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Joyce Pingrey, Parcel #250.14.03.001, Land-\$10,500, Structure-\$103,140, Total Value-\$113,640
Motion by West, second by Gregg to lower the assessed property value for Joyce Pingery to the property owners requested amount of Land-\$10,500, Structure-\$80,000, Total value-\$90,500. Motion carried.

Travis Albers, Parcel #250.20.04.009, Land-\$14,000, Structure-\$112,960, Total Value-\$126,960
Motion by West, second by Nelson to lower the assessed property value for Travis Albers to the property owners requested amount of Land-\$14,000, Structure-\$86,000, Total value-\$100,000. Motion carried.

James Dover, Parcel #250.28.00.002A, Land-\$17,500, Structure-\$58,655, Total Value-\$76,155
Motion by Gregg, second by Nelson to approve the lowered Director of Equalizations assessed property value recommendation for James Dover, Land-\$17,500, Structure-\$58,655, Total Value-\$76,155. Motion carried.

Jason Glenn, Parcel #250.31.03.008, Land -\$14,000; Structure-118,230, Total Value-132,230
Motion by West, second by Nelson to lower the assessed property value for Jason and Wendy Glenn to the property owners requested amount of Land-\$14,000, Structure-\$92,500, Total Value-\$106,500. Motion carried.

Wayne and Amy Fischer, Parcel #250.33.00.026A, Land-\$12,000, Structure-\$106,710, Total Value-\$118,710
Motion by West, second by Olson to lower the assessment property value for Wayne and Amy Fischer to the property owners requested amount of Land-\$12,000, Structure-\$88,000, Total Value-\$100,000. Motion carried.

Gerald and Laurie Berg, Parcel #250.35.45.009, Land-\$14,000, Structure-\$55,410, Total Value-\$69,410
Motion by Nelson, second by Olson to lower the assessed property value for Gerald and Laurie Berg to the property owners requested amount of Land-\$12,500, Structure-\$30,000, Total Value-\$42,500. Motion carried.

Michael and Sonja Beckwith, Parcel #250.40.32.042, Land-\$18,750, Structure-\$57,130, Total Value-\$75,880
Motion by West, second by Gregg to lower the assessed property value for Michael and Sonja Beckwith to the property owners requested amount of Land-\$10,500, Structure-\$45,500, Total Value-\$55,000. Motion carried.

Bruce and Teresa Crumb, Parcel #250.44.03.002, Land-\$15,000, Structure-\$87,500, Total Value-\$102,500
Motion by Nelson, second by West to approve the lowered Director of Equalizations assessed property value recommendation for Bruce and Teresa Crumb, Land-\$15,000, Structure-\$87,500, Total Value-\$102,500. Motion carried.

Casey and Quinn Jorgensen, Parcel #250.46.00.001, Land-\$16,800, Structure-\$126,640, Total Value-\$143,440
Motion by West, second by Nelson to lower the assessed property value for Casey and Quinn Jorgensen to the property owners requested amount of Land-\$16,800, Structure-\$99,200, Total Value-\$116,000. Motion carried.

Orville and Corliss Wiebers, Parcel #250.62.01.004, Land-\$19,000, Structure-\$174,670, Total Value-\$193,670
Motion by Gregg, second by Nelson to lower the assessed property value for Orville and Corliss Wiebers to the property owners requested amount of Land-\$19,000, Structure-\$131,000, Total Value-\$150,000. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Gregg, second by West to adjourn as the Board of Equalization at 8:07 PM. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:

The special meeting of the Lennox City Council was called to order by Mayor Wiebers at 8:13 PM. Members present were Orville Wiebers, Tracy West, Mike Gregg, Russ Nelson and Darin Olson. Absent were Phil Fett and Greg Poppenga. Staff present was Finance Officer Jerry Jones and Public Works Director Greg Stack. Also present were Debbie Schmidt and Wayne Peterson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Gregg, second by Olson to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting of February 16, 2015. Motion carried,

VISITORS TO BE HEARD: None to be heard at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Copier/Printer: Russ Nelson reported on the meeting he had with the Library personnel referring to the copier/printer that was refused. Russ explained that the copier they need is the unit that will print 12" X 18" paper and they will have the additional \$860.00 come out of other library budget line items for 2015. After further discussion, motion by West, second by Gregg to purchase from Century Business Products the Kyocera TASKalfa 3051d color MFP including 100 sheet reversing document feeder and system stand in the amount of \$5,280.00. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2014 Annual Report: The Finance Officer presented the 2014 annual report of the City of Lennox and reviewed the reports included in the report. Ben Elliot of Independent Audit Services of Madison, SD completed the annual report for the City of Lennox. After discussion, motion by West, second by Gregg to accept the 2014 annual report as presented. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

Parks Seasonal Employee- The parks committee asked to discuss the hiring of an additional person to oversee the mowing, trash pickup and cleaning of the bathrooms in the city parks. The committee suggested contacting Hunter Mathieu to see if she is interested in working for the City and managing the parks responsibilities of mowing and cleaning for 2015. Mayor Wiebers will contact Hunter and ask if she is interested in the position and the Mayor will report back to the Council.

Police Position: The Council reviewed the application and resume of Nathan Eisenmenger for the full time police officer position. Mr. Eisenmenger is certified and has excellent credentials for the position. After discussion and concerns of a councilman, motion by West, second by Olson to approve the hiring of Nathan Eisenmenger for the full time police officer position for the City of Lennox. Motion carried.

Greg Stack asked for travel request to go to Pierre on March 26th and 27th for the DENR funding meeting for the 2016 Main Street Project. Council agreed to the request.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Gregg, second by West to adjourn at 8:50 PM. All members present, voted aye. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____
Jerry Jones, Finance Officer

Orville Wiebers, Mayor