

The Clear Lake City Council met as the Local Review Board on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Lisa Lundberg presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Ramona Drake and Rose Mack, Aldermen Jamie Hintz, Jonas Reppe and Rod Pauli. Absent was Alderman Harry Mewherter. Also present were Brandon Collins, John Hall Sr., Lorie Springer, Joyce and Maynard Peterson. Finance Officer Mary Krueger was present by teleconference. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and then called to order by Mayor Lundberg.

Motion by Reppe, seconded by Pauli to approve agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Parcel #3758 Maynard and Joyce Peterson, Lots 5-6-7 Block 3, Original Plat, Town of Clear Lake. Current Valuation: \$175,965. Petersons felt that the current assessed property value of \$175,965 was too high. They questioned why properties went up 25% and is that indicative of taxes going up 25%. Discussion was held on market values and that the Director of Equalization could explain the assessment process. After review and discussion, the board made no change.

Lorie Springer and John Hall Sr. were present for Parcel #3820, Lots 5 & 6 & E2' of 7, Block 11, Original Plat, Town of Clear Lake. Current Valuation: \$173,626. In her letter, Lorie Springer requested that the current assessed land value of \$173,626 be lowered to the 2020 assessed value of \$104,693. Ms. Springer stated the house is very small, has a single car garage and an unfinished basement. She compared similar homes currently for sale that are listed for much less and this home is valued too high for what it is. The Board stated the age of the house makes a big difference in valuation. They also suggested she contact the Director of Equalization to re-evaluate the house to correct the records as they appear to not be matching with Ms. Springer's information. The board thought it best to advise Ms. Springer to re-evaluate and then appeal to the County. After review and discussion, the board made no change.

Bruce Schiefelbein was not present at appointment time and arrived late to the meeting. Parcel #4011: E1/2 Lot 6 & S 43.5' E1/2 Lot 7 – Block 1, Wilcoxon Addition, Town of Clear Lake – Current valuation \$192,751. Parcel #4215: Lot 2 Block 1, Williams and Oakleys Addition, Town of Clear Lake – Current valuation \$3763. Parcel #4010: S 100' Lot 2, Block 5, Hanlys Addition, Town of Clear Lake – Current valuation \$1455. Parcel #5688: W 10.2' Lot 1 Block 1, RF Johns First Addition, Town of Clear Lake – Current valuation \$471. Mr. Schiefelbein requested the values of his four parcels of property he owns be lowered to the 2023 assessed valuation amounts. He explained when he purchased the property recently, many repairs and updates are needed. A recent visit to the property by the Director of Equalization resulted in a corrected assessed value to the 2023 value on all four parcels.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Hintz to recommend the above described (4) parcels to be corrected to 2023 values on record #4011: \$167,123, record #4215: \$2894, record #4010: \$1119, record 5688: \$363 for a total of \$171,499 for property owned by Bruce Schiefelbein, as recommended by the Deuel County Director of Equalization. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the 2024 property assessments.

Motion by Hintz, seconded by Mack to approve the 2024 property assessments for the City of Clear Lake. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Reppe, seconded by Pauli to adjourn as the Local Review Board. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Clear Lake City Council convened as regular Council.

No one was present for public voice.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Mack to move into Executive Session at 6:17 PM for personnel matters pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Lundberg declared the Council out of Executive Session at 6:27 PM.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Pauli to approve full time employees a monthly cell phone reimbursement in the amount of \$50.00 for each Department Head and \$25.00 for each full time employee. Reimbursement retroactive to January 2024 payroll. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pauli, seconded by Reppe to approve a .50/hour increase for Elliott Furman due to Wastewater Collection Certification effective March 1, 2024. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mack, seconded by Hintz to discontinue pay for meetings attended by Council representatives sitting on the Library Board or the CLAD Board or any future Board that may be considered to be effective April 1, 2024. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Pauli, seconded by Hintz to adjourn at 6:28 PM. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mary Krueger
Finance Officer

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