

The Clear Lake City Council met as the Local Review Board on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Mayor Lisa Lundberg presiding. Those present were Alderwomen Ramona Drake and Amy Bjerke, Aldermen Jamie Hintz, Jonas Reppe, Harry Mewherter and Rod Pauli. Also present were Mary Krueger and Gary DeJong. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and then called to order by Mayor Lundberg.

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

Gary DeJong was present for Parcel #4332 – Lot 1-2 Blk 6, Cornerview Add, Town of Clear Lake. 2025 valuation is a total of \$298,570. DeJong gave a review to the Board how his taxes and valuations have increased since 2022. Since then, his house has increased \$80,000 in value though he has made no improvements at all. He didn't think overall assessments have been realistic over the years. He agrees this is probably for most properties in the City. He thought a fairer approach would be to increase valuations by 3% every year which would result in a total valuation of \$239,900 for his property in 2025. He met with the Assessor earlier in the day and though she was intrigued by increases, she didn't suggest any changes. Council discussed the increases stating that State legislation is looking at a better approach for increasing property taxes. DeJong concluded with discussion on how so many things increase in price, but very little increases in social security for seniors. Discussion was held on market values and after review, the Board made no change.

John Knight was not present for Parcel #6131 – Lots 13-14-15-16 Blk 9, Original Plat Less 63', Town of Clear Lake. 2025 valuation is a total of \$100,167. A recent visit to the property by the Director of Equalization resulted in a corrected assessed value to the property.

Motion by Drake, seconded by Hintz to recommend the above described Parcel #6131 to be corrected to a total value of \$79,848. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Shirley Quail was not present for Parcel #4274 – S50' Lot 3, Blk D Valley View Addn, Town of Clear Lake. 2025 valuation is a total of \$90,021. A recent visit to the property by the Director of Equalization resulted in a corrected assessed value to the property.

Motion by Mewherter, seconded by Pauli to recommend the above described Parcel #4274 to be corrected to a total value of \$79,363. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2025 assessments with no suggested changes.

Motion by Bjerke, seconded by Reppe to approve the 2025 property assessments for the City of Clear Lake. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

No one was present for public voice and there were no other appointments at this meeting.

Alderwoman Drake commented on the motorcycles in town from last meeting and inquired about the bike path proposed last year by CLAD.

Alderman Hintz commented on fence ordinances, attorney charges, and had some drainage questions regarding a specific property.

Alderman Reppe commented on property taxes, street improvements, new ordinances for 2025 and also had some drainage questions regarding a specific property.

Finance Officer Krueger scheduled a Planning Committee meeting to discuss the Clear Lake Swimming Pool.

No other comments from Mayor or any other Council members.

There being no further business, motion by Hintz, seconded by Pauli to adjourn at 5:29 PM. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mary Krueger
Finance Officer

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