

CITY HALL, CITY OF ARLINGTON, SOUTH DAKOTA  
March 18, 2024

The City Council met as the Board of Equalization in the Council Room in the Municipal Building. Present on Roll Call were Mayor Curt Lundquist and Council Members: Terry Mutziger, Terry Rowbotham, Garth Johnson, Beth Sundberg, Rob Achterberg, and School Board Member Paul Burns. Absent: Cory Falconer

Appeal #1: Parcel #5390 Peyton Ramstad filed a request to appeal his assessed value of his residential property as he feels the valuation is higher than market value as he just purchased the property in July of 2023. Motion was made by Mutziger, seconded by Sundberg to decrease the home valuation to \$369,800.00 and leave the land valuation at \$30,600.00 for a total valuation of \$400,400.00 for the parcel after reviewing the additional documentation provided. All in favor—Carried.

Appeal #2: Parcel #7791 – Josh Freeseaman filed a request to appeal his assessed value of his residential property as he feels the valuation is higher than market value. Motion was made by Mutziger, seconded by Johnson to decrease the home valuation to \$229,930.00 and leave the land valuation at \$16,500.00 for a total valuation of \$246,430.00 for the parcel after reviewing the additional documentation provided. All in favor—Carried.

Appeal #3: Parcel #5311 – Jared & Tami Steffensen filed a request to appeal the assessed value of their residential property as they feel the valuation is higher than market value. Motion was made by Mutziger, seconded by Achterberg to decrease the home valuation to \$440,271.00 and leave the land valuation at \$22,500.00 for a total valuation of \$462,771.00 for the parcel after reviewing the additional documentation provided. All in favor—Carried.

Appeal #4: Parcel #5309 & #8340 – Tom Bunker filed a request to appeal the assessed value of his residential land properties as he feels the valuation is higher than market value. Motion was made by Rowbotham, seconded by Mutziger to decrease the land valuation to \$17,000.00 and keep the buildings value at \$18,000.00 (for #8340) for a total valuation of \$35,000.00 and to decrease the land valuation of parcel #5309 to \$15,000.00 after reviewing the additional documentation provided. All in favor—Carried.

Appeal #5: Parcel #7299 – Devyn Prodoehl & Weston Resmen filed a request to appeal their assessed value of their residential property as they feel the valuation is higher than market value. Motion was made by Rowbotham, seconded by Johnson to decrease the home valuation to \$301,998.00 and leave the land valuation at \$15,000.00 for a total valuation of \$316,998.00 for the parcel after reviewing the additional documentation provided. All in favor—Carried.

Appeal #6: Parcel #7792 – Bobbi & Ethan Larson filed a request to appeal their assessed value of their residential property as they feel the valuation is higher than market value. Motion was made by Mutziger, seconded by Rowbotham to decrease the home valuation to \$336,500.00 and leave the land valuation at \$16,500.00 for a total valuation of \$353,000.00 for the parcel after reviewing the additional documentation provided. All in favor—Carried.

The assessment books were reviewed and discussed, with the Council stating that they don't agree with the Kingsbury County values as they believe them to be too high. Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Rowbotham to approve the Brookings County Assessment Book and to sign the Kingsbury County assessment book stating that they were reviewed. All in favor—Carried.

Motion was made by Achterberg, seconded by Mutziger to adjourn the meeting. All in favor—Carried.

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Stephanie Damm, Finance Officer

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Curt Lundquist, Mayor

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The City Council met in regular session in the Municipal Building. Present on Roll Call were Mayor Curt Lundquist and Council Members: Terry Mutziger, Terry Rowbotham, Garth Johnson, Beth Sundberg, & Rob Achterberg. Absent: Cory Falconer

Property tax abatement: A written request was made by Michelle Longville, Kingsbury County Treasurer requesting to abate the 2023 payable in 2024 property taxes for a senior/disabled person(s) in the city amount of \$457.20. Motion was made by Achterberg, seconded by Mutziger to approve this request. All in favor--Carried.

The Council decided to have the SDPAA provide them with an insurance quote.

Motion was made by Rowbotham, seconded by Sundberg to approve the First Reading to amend the permitted uses in the Agricultural District of the zoning ordinance book.

Electric Rate Update: Marshal Mix gave the Council the information he received from both DGR and Heartland regarding how a high electric load (crypto-currency in this case) would affect the city and that we would need an additional rate for those businesses to keep the rest of the city rates as they are now. Discussion was held and the Council decided not to allow this type of business at this time.

Sewer Update: Marshal Mix let the Council know that there is water coming out of the ground at the lift station and that there is a need for clay walls (ditch breaks). Banner is going to check to see if this was in the specs. The amount due from Mike Fuhr for the change mentioned in the September minutes, is \$2437.50 for the alignment and \$3354.50 for the additional engineering. The Finance Officer was requested to send the bill to Mike. It was also mentioned that a new utility easement would be forth coming.

Josh Spilde spoke to the Council regarding the utilities that are on his lot and that he hired Purintun to do a title search. Purintun did not find any easements on that land (the Finance Officer also checked with the ROD who did not show an easement on file), therefore, the Council decided to move the electric at the city's expense. Josh stated he was fine will allowing an easement at the lot lines. Josh also spoke to the Council about 109<sup>th</sup> St. by his storage sheds along Hiway 81 and the fact that there is a road there that needs to be maintained. The Council will check into this.

Other Business: The Finance Officer was asked to see if it was okay with the Council to have a wedding at Lake Arlington (by or on the bridge) in May. The Council did not have a problem with this request.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mutziger seconded by Johnson. All in favor—Carried.

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