MINUTES OF THE WINNEBAGO CITY COUNCIL

City of Winnebago

Special Meeting April 21, 2015

A special meeting of the Winnebago City Council was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Center Council Chambers.

Acting Mayor R. Johnson called the meeting to order and conducted roll call. Council members present: R. Johnson, Robertson, Anderson, D. Johnson. Staff Present: City Administrator Ziegler, Deputy City Clerk Sturtz. Absent: Mayor Schutt. City Engineer Travis Winter. City Attorney Douglas Johanson.

General Business

Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing

In attendance from the Faribault County Assessor office was Lynn Krachmer and Gertrude Paschke. Gertrude discussed how the Board of Appeals works. She explained that this past summer she was at every residence and the State requires this to be done once every five years. She pointed out that overall the City went down 2.75%.

R. Johnson asked about his brother's commercial property on 4th Ave SE. He stated that it is an old coal shed and the value went up to $30,000. County Assessor explained that some land values went up this year and that he will look into it and get back to Craig that afternoon. D. Johnson asked about combining parcels. City Administrator Ziegler explained what the Council could and couldn't do at the Board of Appeal and Equalization Hearing.

Public Comment

Acting Mayor R. Johnson opened the meeting to the public.

Sam Seitzer at 241 2nd Ave SW, parcel #31.200.1590, was in attendance. Sam asked how his one bedroom house increased 50% from last year to $46,500. Gertrude explained that the value is based on square footage as well and that she is more than happy to come and assess the house. Gertrude explained that the Council will have to recess and reconvene.

Larry Stauffer at 205 5th St NW, parcel #31.250.0630, was in attendance. Larry asked why his value went up to $153,200. He explained that there have been improvements done to the property. Discussion was held regarding the increase. Motion by D. Johnson, seconded by Robertson to reduce the 2016 value of parcel #31.250.0630 to $7,000 for the land value and $130,000 for the structure value for a total of $137,000. Acting Mayor R. Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: R. Johnson, Robertson, D. Johnson. Against: Anderson. Motion carried.

Gertrude stated that she received many phone calls from residents regarding the values of their properties. She discussed with the Council the properties and the changes that she made with the values. Discussion was held.

Hearing no more public comment, Acting Mayor R. Johnson closed the meeting to the public.

Other Business

Robertson stated that there is a letter coming out tomorrow regarding a possible private school in Winnebago for the area students. The letter has a questionnaire on the back and he encouraged everyone to fill it out.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by D. Johnson to recess this meeting and reconvene on Monday, April 27th at 8:00 a.m. Acting Mayor R. Johnson called for a vote. The following voted in favor: R. Johnson, Robertson, Anderson, D. Johnson. Motion carried.

Presented to Council May 12, 2015

ATTEST:

Jeremiah Schutt-Mayor

Chris Ziegler-City Administrator