

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014 – 6:00 P.M. – ROCKVILLE CITY HALL.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Hagen. Roll Call was taken and the following members were found to be present: Mayor Hagen, Council Members: Sue Palmer, Don Simon, Randy Volkmuth & Duane Willenbring. Absent: None

Staff members present were: Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber.

Also present: Randy Lahr – Stearns County Assessor

Mayor Hagen announced that the special meeting had been called for the purpose of Board of Review. Randy Lahr explained that property valuation has to be between 90% & 105% of what sales are and explained the sales period ran from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

The 20 sales indicated the following average:

Residential/Seasonal	-0- to 5%
Agricultural – Market	+/-1%
Agricultural – Green Acre	+16%
Commercial/Industrial	-0-1 to 2%
Apartments	+/-1 to 2%

Agricultural had the biggest increase. \$7.00 corn bushel drove up the price. Crop productivity establishes a higher value of land. CPI rating is newest way to value property (soil type)

No person appeared or written correspondence was given.

Member Sue Palmer questioned her valuation going up \$20,000.

76.41647.0700 –Susan Palmer – 21108 Fowler Road

Randy Lahr reported they are using GIS technology so they can review sites from the air. They show 163' lake frontage. If the Palmers can provide a survey and it is 163' there will be no change, but if the survey is different – it can be changed.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Willenbring, to approve no change to the value.

AYES: Hagen, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring.

ABSTAIN: Palmer

Motion passed on a 4 to 0 vote.

CLOSE BOARD OF REVIEW –

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Simon, to close the Board of Review meeting for 2014.

AYES: Hagen, Palmer, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring

Motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote.

WORKING SESSION – Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber asked the council to consider a working session between the staff and council to try and get people thinking on a more positive note. It was determined that a working session would be held on May 8, 2014 – 3:30 p.m. The Administrator will get a facilitator from the League of MN Cities.

ADJOURNMENT–***Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Simon, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried***

**VERENA M. WEBER-CMC
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK**

**JEFF HAGEN
MAYOR**

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