

Leola Local Board of Equalization/Special City Council Meeting  
March 18, 2024

Mayor Royce Erdmann called the Local Board of Equalization and Special City Council Meeting to order at 7 pm. City council members present: Jackie Rau, Jackie Leibel, Michael Yost, Richard Reis, and Brett Schaible. School board member present: Trevor Zantow. A quorum was established. Also present: Sondra Waltman, Leola City Finance Officer. City council member Alan Wimer was absent.

The local board reviewed Appeal 24-01 received from Gordon Zetterlund regarding a garage on Lincoln Street. The value of the detached garage was too high due to an incorrect year of the garage being constructed. Brooke Graves, McPherson County Director of Equalization, recommended a new value of \$2,796 rather than \$5,160 which is the value being appealed. Therefore, their total assessed value of \$5,399 is Graves's recommendation which includes the lot value of \$2,603.

Appeal 24-02 received from Benjamin Aaronson at 726 Sherman Street was reviewed. After an assessment by Graves, multiple issues were evident including issues with the foundation, water damage, concerns with the siding and windows and lack of insulation. Graves recommended a new value of \$19,989 rather than the initial assessed value of \$65,946. Therefore, the total assessed value of \$22,989 is Graves's recommendation which includes the lot value of \$3,000.

Rau moved with a second from Leibel to accept Appeal 24-01 and Appeal 24-02 at the recommended values. All in favor, motion carried.

The 2024 assessment roll was reviewed by the board.

At 7:03 pm, Rau moved with a second from Leibel to adjourn the Local Board of Equalization Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. At this time, Zantow left the meeting. The special city council meeting reconvened.

NEW BUSINESS

April Council Meeting – Rau shared with the council that McPherson County Commissioners granted Friday, March 29 along with Monday, April 1 as administrative leave for the Easter holiday. Because the city typically mirrors what the county does, Rau moved to move the regular city council meeting to Thursday, April 4 instead of Monday, April 1. Schaible seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Public comments: None.

Additional topics: None.

At 7:06 pm, Wimer moved with a second from Reis to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Royce Erdmann  
Royce Erdmann, Mayor

Sondra Waltman  
ATTEST: Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer/Local BOE Clerk

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