

Castlewood City Council
March 16, 2020

The Castlewood City Council met as the Board of Equalization on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Brian Ries, Jeff Dahl, Heather Schmit, Michelle Barker, Jeanette Bohls, Ryman Dockter, Shawn Mullaney and school board member Angie Heyn. Also present: Sheila Gerhold, Rich Uckert and Ron and Tammy White.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

The agenda was presented for approval. The mayor asked to have the Lake Poinsett Sanitary District added to the agenda. A motion by Bohls and seconded by Barker to approve the agenda with the added item. All members present in favor and motion passed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ries.

A letter from Travis Everson (with the legal description of Lot 3, Golf View Addition) appealing his assessment, was read. A motion by Dahl and seconded by Dockter to leave his assessment as is and appeal to the county. All in favor and motion passed.

Ron and Tammy White (with the legal description of West 165 feet of Outlot G less the west 60 feet) were present to appeal their assessment. Their property is assessed at \$156,250 and feel their property is only worth \$120,000. A motion by Bohls to lower the assessment to \$130,000. A motion by Dahl to lower the assessment to \$120,000 with a second by Bohls. Roll Call vote: AYE: Bohls, Barker, Schmit, Dahl, Dockter. NAY: Mullaney. Majority in favor and motion passed.

A letter from Jacob Ruby (with the legal description of east half of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9, Block one) appealing his assessment was read. His house was assessed at \$222,454 and he purchased it in November 2019 for \$150,700. A motion by Dahl and seconded by Barker to lower the assessment to \$150,700. All in favor and motion passed.

A letter from John & Bonnie Top (with the legal description of Outlot in the SW Unit one of outlot E) appealing their assessment was read. They feel their assessment of \$189,927 is too high for their duplex. A motion by Dahl and seconded by Barker to lower the assessment to \$165,673. All members present in favor and motion passed.

Jeanette Bohls (with the legal description of Lot 12A in Gerhold Addition) appealed her assessment. She stated they were paying taxes on 500 more square feet than what they have on their house. She also said they had a realtor down and they said their house is worth between \$250,000-\$260,000. Their house is assessed at \$303,339. A motion by Dahl to lower the assessment to \$252,500 with a second by Barker. Motion passed. Bohls abstained from voting.

Rich Uckert, representing Banner & Associates, presented a contract to amend the water study for \$5,000.00. He discussed the contract and pricing and what is all included with the city council. A motion by Dockter and seconded by Schmit to allow the mayor to sign and enter into a contract with Banner & Associates. All members in favor and motion passed.

Discussion was held on the Lake Poinsett Sanitary District borrowing the city's pump last year. Mayor Ries is going to contact their President to discuss this further.

A motion by Mullaney and seconded by Schmit to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Sheila Gerhold
Finance Officer