

Castlewood City Council
March 15, 2021

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, Jeanette Bohls, Heather Schmit, Jenny Olson, Jeff Shepherd, Chad Ries and Michelle Barker. Also present Sheila Gerhold. Joel Johnson attended the meeting via zoom.

The meeting was called to order by the mayor.

The agenda was presented for approval. Items added were Grow Castlewood concerning the football field and the housing incentive grants. A motion by Schmit and seconded by Olson to approve the agenda with the additional items. All members in favor and motion passed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ries.

The city did not receive any appeals for Castlewood. There were no increases for Castlewood. The council reviewed the assessment roll and on a motion by Bohls and seconded Barker to approve the assessment roll. All members present in favor and motion passed.

Discussion was held on the code enforcement officer. Joel Johnson, owner of Code Enforcement Specialists, explained to the council what his firm would do for the City of Castlewood concerning nuisances and properties that need to be cleaned up. His firm would drive through every 5 weeks. Their fees are \$1500 retainer fee. They charge \$75.00 per hour plus \$.60 a mile and he has an employee located in Brookings. A motion by C. Ries and seconded Olson to hire Code Enforcement Specialists to take care of Castlewood. Roll Call vote: Aye: Bohls, C. Ries, Barker, Schmit and Olson. Nay: Shepherd. Majority in favor and motion passed.

The flood map from FEMA was presented. FEMA did a map overlayment so the council could see where the changes in the flood map were. The finance officer is to send letters to the individuals that have changes to their properties on the flood map. A motion by Bohls and seconded by Olson to approve the flood map. All in favor and motion passed.

Discussion was held on the grant through the Game, Fish & Parks. The pickle ball court would cost approximately \$24,000-\$30,000 and the canopies for the baseball field and softball field would cost approximately \$26,000-\$40,000. The grant could possibly be a 50% percent grant with the pickle ball court ranking higher than the canopies for funding. Discussion was held on fund raising for the projects. The finance officer is to call First District and see when the project would get done and if we could do different grant applications for the court and canopies. Tabled until the April meeting.

Discussion was held on Lowell Laue's expired building permit. A motion by C. Ries and seconded by Bohls to send a certified letter to Lowell Laue and give him until April 1st to either renew his building permit or return the residential lot to its original condition. All in favor and motion passed.

Chris Lather would like to apply for a Scotts Field Refurbishment Grant under the city's name. A motion by Barker and seconded by Olson to allow Chris to apply for the grant. All in favor and motion passed.

The 5 new used carts were delivered to the golf course. A motion by C. Ries and seconded by Barker to approve payment to NB Golf Cars for \$11,500 for the golf carts. All in favor and motion passed.

An update on the Grow Castlewood football field was given. The committee would like to have the land deeded to them so they can start moving dirt for the field. There was discussion on the committee moving the playground equipment, drainage and the underground utilities that may have to be moved. The committee is going to be asked to attend the April 5th meeting.

Discussion was held on the new house incentive grants.

A motion by Schmit and seconded by C. Ries to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Sheila Gerhold
Finance Officer