

The Milnor City Council convened as a Board of Equalization at the Office of Milnor City, located in the Milnor Community Center, at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 2018. Council members present: Richard Bryant, Merrill Decker, Monty Haugen, and Nannette Severson. Members absent: Charles Faber. Also present: Denise Ferderer, Janice Bixby, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Terry Dusek.

The City had received The Assessment Workbook for 2018 to review prior to the Equalization meeting and Denise Ferderer, Sargent County Tax and Assessment Director, was present to review with the Council and those in attendance the proposed 2018 Tax Assessments for the City of Milnor. She also presented a list of residents that are currently receiving the Veterans and Homestead Credits.

Mayor Dusek questioned the classification for some parcels, which had been moved from exempt to commercial, as those particular parcels are zoned as residential in the city's ordinances. Tax Director Ferderer explained that when a lot is undeveloped, the county assesses it as commercial. The council questioned whether zoning would need to be changed in regard to those parcels, which would require an ordinance change. Ferderer explained that the classifications on the sheets were only for tax office purposes, so no ordinance change would be necessary.

There was a discussion regarding the Veterans and Homestead Credits.

Member Bryant questioned the increases and decreases for the lots in the Peterson Addition. Ferderer explained that the changes were related to the tax abatements the lots had received.

Motion to accept the Sargent County Tax Director's Tax Assessments for Milnor City as presented (Bryant/Haugen, unanimous).

Motion to accept the Tax Credits as presented (Haugen/Decker, unanimous).

Motion to adjourn (Haugen/Severson, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor