

The Milnor City Council convened as a Board of Equalization at 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 13 2020. Council members participating by phone or video teleconferencing: Curtis Anderson, Merrill Decker, Charles Faber, Monty Haugen and Nannette Severson. Also present by telephone or video conference call: Carol Peterson, City Attorney LeeAnn Even, City Engineer Kent Thoreson, Mary Engst, Ryan Smith, Robert Lotzer, Terry Dusek and Jennie Hanna.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Terry Dusek.

The City had received The Assessment Workbook for 2020 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 2020 Tax Assessments for the City of Milnor. She also presented a list of residents that are currently receiving the Veterans and Homestead Credits.

There was a discussion regarding the property values and how much new buildings contributed to the final total and full value.

There was a discussion regarding the Veterans and Homestead Credits regarding qualifications and how to apply.

Motion to accept the Veterans and Homestead Tax Credits as presented (Severson/Decker, with a roll call vote taken with all members voting aye, no nays. Motion passed).

Mayor Dusek stated he hadn't had a chance to review the workbook at length and asked if a vote to approve the assessments for 2020 could be tabled until he could review it further. Denise Ferderer stated the council could still approve the assessments for 2020, and assessment changes could be made later, if needed.

Motion to accept the Sargent County Tax Director's Tax Assessments for the year 2020 for Milnor City as presented (Anderson/Decker, with a roll call vote taken with all members voting aye, no nays. Motion passed).

Motion to adjourn (Haugen/Severson, unanimous).

Jennie Hanna, Auditor

Terry Dusek, Mayor