CITY OF JAMESTOWN
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING
APRIL 14, 2015
OFFICIAL MINUTES


The City Council meeting, meeting as the Board of Equalization, was called to order by Mayor Andersen at 3:00 PM.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Mayor Andersen, Council Members Brubakken, Buchanan and Kourajian, City Assessor Wollan and City Administrator Fuchs. Absent: Council Member Gumke.

City Assessor Wollan presented his annual report to the board. He indicated that, based on results of the sales ratio study, city property valuations increased an average of 16.8% for the current year which brings valuations to approximately 92.2% of market value. State Tax Department requires that valuations be between 90% and 100%.

Eugene Baumgartner, 1800 7th Avenue SW, appeared to express his dissatisfaction that the valuation of his property had been increased by $13,000 to approximately $100,000. He indicated his home was a double wide and on a gravel street.

Jake Braunburger, 705 11th Street SE, appeared to express his concerns in that his property increased by approximately $21,000.

Tom Buhl, 1513 5th Avenue NE, appeared to express concerns with valuation increases and asked questions as to factors used in making the determinations.

Bill Seekins, 405 18th Avenue NE, appeared to indicate that his property valuation has increased $35,000 in the last two years, which is more than the total increase in a prior 20 year period.

Council Member Brubakken moved a Resolution to approve and accept the real property assessments for 2015, as submitted by the City Assessor, in the total aggregate of $822,983,593, subject to adjustments, Homestead Credit, and disability reductions. Seconded by Council Member Kourajian. Roll Call No. 1 showed: 3 ayes, 1 nay (Buchanan), 1 absent. Carried.

Council Member Kourajian moved to adjourn. Seconded by Council Member Brubakken. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

ATTEST:                                            APPROVED:

JEFF FUCHS_____          KATIE ANDERSEN_____
Clerk, Board of Equalization                  Mayor