

Clearwater City Council
Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Minutes
Clearwater City Council Chamber
May 4, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edmonson called the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting of May 4, 2015 to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Mayor Edmonson, Council Members Ranum, Lange and Ritzer. Absent: Council Member Crandall. A quorum was declared present.

Also present: City Assessor Ken Yager, Wright County Assessor Anthony Rasmuson, and City Administrator Kress.

ASSESSOR – Overview & Process

Assessor Rasmuson reported that the board has the authority to change the valuation and /or the classification of a property for the current assessment year, being 2015 for taxes payable in 2016. Prior year adjustments can only be made through abatement with the legal system. An Assessor cannot make an adjustment based on a percentage, and also is not able to raise a value on a property unless the property owner has been notified. Also an assessment of a property needs to fall within 90-105% of the market value.

Assessor Yager reviewed the summary of properties that he had reviewed and the sales that have occurred within the City. There were 26 sales in the study for the 2015 assessment, with the median selling price of \$152,500. Based on these sales the assessment values are within 92.2% of the market values.

CONSIDERATION OF APPEALS

Rasmuson led the discussion on the request from T.O. Plastics and their request to reduce their property value. Council reviewed the comparable properties as presented.

MOTION by Ritzer, seconded by Lange, to deny the appeal from T.O. Plastics and maintain the assessed market value as set by the city assessor and have the appeal referred back to the County.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Lange, seconded by Ritzer, to adjourn the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting at 6:43 p.m.

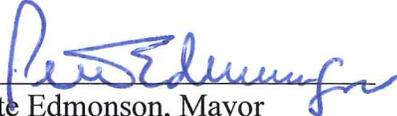
Motion carried unanimously.



Kevin Kress, City Administrator

6-1-15

Date Approved



Pete Edmonson, Mayor