

CITY OF CASSELTON
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Edward McConnell, Assessor Woody Gunderson, Councilmen Lee Anderson, Kent Buss, Fred Wangler, Mike Eberhardt and Joan Carvell. Also present: Bernie Sinner, Brad Morris, City Auditor Sheila Klevgard, City Attorney Del Losing, Tim Schneider, Bruce Satrom and Steve Johnson.

Councilman Wangler made a motion, seconded by Councilman Eberhardt to continue the 2 year \$75,000 residential property tax exemption. All voted aye on roll call vote; **motion passed.**

No residents appeared to protest the valuation of their property. Councilman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wangler to accept the assessor's taxable valuation of the city. All voted aye on roll call vote; **motion passed.**

Tim Schneider is planning on taking over the assessor's position after taking the exam in February.

Councilman Eberhardt made a motion to adjourn at 7:17pm.

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Present: Mayor Edward McConnell, Councilmen Lee Anderson, Kent Buss, Fred Wangler, Mike Eberhardt and Joan Carvell. Also present: Bernie Sinner, Brad Morris, City Auditor Sheila Klevgard, City Engineer Brandon Oye, Public Works Supervisor Kevin Mayer, City Attorney Del Losing, Diane Spoerl, Jeff Haugen, Marvin Haugen, Patrick Vesey, Bruce Satrom and Steve Johnson.

Health Insurance Renewal

Councilman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Buss to renew the health insurance policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield. All voted aye on roll call vote; **motion passed.**

Cigarette Butts

Without any ash trays in front of the bars, smokers are tossing the butts on the street and sidewalk. Planters have been offered to the bar to place in front of the building, but have been declined. Carvell thought the city should approach ND Public Health to see how they suggest managing the problem, maybe they can share how other cities are handling their issues. Not sure if the smokers are originating from both bars, however, the thought is that the clientele from Red Baron is used to not smoking since they were smoke free earlier. The city will send a letter to the bars asking them to police the area better. Inquiry will be made to the Park Board to see if they have extra flower pots.

Heartland 4th Addition

Patrick Vesey, representing Goldmark Schlossman, stated that there is an 80' x 100' ingress/egress easement for access to the north and south lots along Governors Drive; the remainder would be private drive. Satrom, owner of Abbiamo Pasta which will produce pasta, is expecting 5-8 trucks per day on the access road which shouldn't cause a dust issue at this time. Planning & Zoning recommended curb and gutter which is not required as it is a private drive. Councilman Wangler made a motion, seconded by Councilman Eberhardt to approve the Heartland 4th Addition plat, with a contingency that a 100' concrete apron be installed adjacent to Highway 18. All voted aye on roll call vote; **motion passed.** Abbiamo Pasta Co. will build on the south half of the lot now. The north half is for sale if someone would want to buy it. The private drive will go all the way to west end of the lot since they will have docks on the

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back side of the building. Their intent is to gradually concrete sections of the road each year to eliminate the gravel. There is no right of way going through the lots to the west to connect to Industrial Boulevard. A connecting road from Governors Drive to Industrial Boulevard is planned on the north side of RDO Equipment. Sinner gave a positive recommendation on behalf of Abbiamo Pasta from the Job Development Authority.

ND STREET Project

Oye contacted Jason Benson, Cass County Highway Engineer, about sharing the cost of street and drainage work on 5th Street North (Highway 10) from Langer Avenue to about 4th Avenue North where NDDOT will be doing their intersection project including the cost of the application for the ND STREET grant. Benson responded positively to the 50% cost share and mentioned that the county is also interested in a joint project with the city to improve 5th Street North east of Langer. The engineer's fee to submit the application is \$3,500 of which the city's share would then be \$1750. Councilman Buss made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carvell to authorize the engineer to go forward with the application. All voted aye on roll call vote; **motion passed.**

Sinner asked to have an agenda item added to the next regular meeting addressing how to increase available housing in Casselton and develop a marketing strategy since growth doesn't happen by accident. Oye commented that it all starts with identifying land owners who are willing to either sell or develop the land themselves. Buss questioned whether an additional development could be supported with the current infrastructure. Mayer responded that a new water tower is needed before Cass Rural Water abandons the line that feeds the 300,000 gallon bubble.

Next regular meeting May 6, 2013 at 7:00pm.

Councilman Eberhardt made a motion to adjourn at 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila K Klevgard
City Auditor