

City of Crooks
Special meeting / Local board of equalization meeting
Meeting minutes
03/18/2019
(The city of Crooks is an equal opportunity provider)

At 6:30 pm, mayor Rounds called the meeting to order at the Crooks Community Center. Schantz took roll.

Present: Alderman Henning, alderman Kringen, alderman Maras, alderman Richardson, mayor Rounds, school board member Pullman

Approve agenda. Schantz stated open comments had to be added as item to agenda. Motion by Kringen to add open comments and amend agenda, seconded by Richardson. No further discussion. All aye, motion carries, agenda amended. Motion by Kringen to approve amended agenda, seconded by Henning. No further discussion. All aye, motion carries.

Call to order of Crooks city council to sit as local board of equalization. This had already been done when the meeting was called to order per Rounds.

Review of Assessment book. Local board of equalization reviewed assessment book.

Equalization process was opened for appeals.

Appeal 001 – Scott Richardson. Alderman Richardson recused herself from discussion. Scott Richardson stated this is the fifth time he had to appeal his taxes and appraised value. Richardson stated the county has increased his assessed value with the exception of one year. Richardson felt himself aggrieved of the current year assessment, as no improvements had been made to the residence since 2015. Rounds asked Richardson if he could provide comparable sales. Henning asked for value of finished square-foot. Board then looked at comparable sales in area and determine the value of residence. Richardson requested assessed value be changed to \$318,068. Motion by Henning to modify total value to \$323,000, seconded by Pullman. No further discussion. All aye, motion carries.

Appeal 002 – Shane & Dawn Christensen. Christensen stated that house in Crooks was nearly the same house as he had in Sioux Falls. The difference between the assessed value in Sioux Falls and Crooks was \$56,000. The assessed value of Christensen’s house was 5%, the cost of finished square foot was \$118 per square foot in Crooks. The other issue was that Christensens were not able to change to owner-occupied status. Richardson stated local board does not have the authority to change to owner-occupied status. Board then discussed purchase and assessed price with Christensen. Christensen said a slight changed would be made by county, as a listed amenity does not exist at residence. Motion by Kringen to modify the value to \$447,032, seconded by Henning. No discussion. All aye, motion carries.

Appeal 003 – Chad & Kristi Atwood. Appeal was not heard, as it was withdrawn by appellant.

Appeal 004 – Brad & Marilyn Hills. Brad Hills addressed board and stated a significant part of their land is not usable due to water. Council then looked at comparable residences in the area. Motion by Henning to adjust value to \$127,812, seconded Richardson. No further discussion. All aye, motion carries.

Appeal 005 – Amy Van Hunnick. Richardson noted jump of 9% for 2018. Council then looked at comparable sales in area. Henning makes motion to deny appeal, seconded by Pullman. No further discussion. All aye, motion carries.

Open comments. None.

Omissions or corrections of assessments. No omissions or corrections were made

Close assessment book. The assessment books were closed.

Close equalization process. Process was closed.

Call to order of Crooks city council to reconvene meeting as governing body. Motion by Maras to reconvene meeting as Crooks city council, seconded by Henning. No discussion. All aye, motion carries.

Executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3): Consult with legal counsel. Motion by Henning to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) at 7:25 pm, seconded by Richardson. Rounds took roll call vote: Henning – aye, Kringen – aye, Maras – aye, Richardson – aye. All aye, motion carries. The meeting was called back to order at 8:30 pm.

Adjourn. Motion by Henning to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Maras. All aye, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Tobias Schantz
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