

**SAUK CENTRE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Sauk Centre City Council met in a Special Meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers pursuant to due notice being given thereof. Present were Council Members Keith Johnson, David Thomas and Mayor Brad Kirckof. Also present was City Administrator Vicki Willer and Administrative Assistant Nicki Vogt. Acting Mayor Stone presided thereat. Council Members Olson and Stone were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

a. Stearns County Assessor Don Ramler stated the following information was based on the Sales Ratio Study Period of September 30, 2012 through October 1, 2013:

- There were 68 residential sales with a median ratio of 92.27%
- There were 4 commercial sales

4. PUBLIC APPEALS

1. John Felling – on behalf of W.H. Cates. Mr. Felling was questioning the W.H. Cates Townhouse properties stating that they feel that these properties are inaccurately assessed. Each townhouse, garage, hallway, etc. has its own parcel number and the hallway alone is valued at \$23,100. They currently have this entire unit for sale at \$589,000.

Ramler recommended that because of this unique situation, Mr. Felling and himself meet to discuss prior to a recommendation being made.

It was the general consent of the Council to bring this item back to the May 21, 2014 Regular Meeting.

2. John Felling – on behalf of W.H. Cates. Mr. Felling was questioning the W.H. Cates outlots.

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6. Chuck Anderson, Parcel No. 94.57816.0019. Mr. Anderson sent an e-mail stating that the Estimated Market Value was \$50,200 which significantly increased from

the previous years' rate of \$37,500. This property is used for billboard placement. He feels this new rate is too high as the property has limited uses and is land-locked. He is requesting it be reduced back to \$37,500.

Assessor Ramler stated billboard properties run at .75 per square foot; however, he is recommending that Mr. Anderson's property be reverted back to the value of \$37,500.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomas and was seconded by Council Member Johnson to revert Parcel No. 94.57816.0019 from \$50,200 to \$37,500. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Thomas, Johnson and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. Absent: Council Members Stone and Olson. The motion passed.

5. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Thomas and was seconded by Council Member Johnson to recess the meeting. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Thomas, Johnson and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. Absent: Council Members Stone and Olson. The motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Kirckof recess the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Brad A. Kirckof

City Administrator Vicki M. Willer