Members present: Councilors Wiens, Cooper, and Schultz

Staff members present: Taylor Gronau, City Administrator

Others present: Jonathan Graves, Angela Nelson

Call to Order: Councilor Wiens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Comments from Blue Earth County Assessor’s Office

Blue Earth County staff updated the Board on the 2019 assessment process and assessment formula changes. The purpose of the Board is to hear appeals of 2019 assessments for taxes payable in 2020. Staff provided the following information:

- In general, Lake Crystal saw a 6.5% increase in property values.
- There were 54 home sales in Lake Crystal in 2018.
- There was a 7-8% increase in agricultural land values.
- Provided information on tax rates for cities in Blue Earth County.
- The property tax exemption for Grace Thrift Store was approved for the 2018 assessment, payable in 2019. The exemption expires in 3 years and the store must reapply at that time.

Public Hearing for Appeals of 2019 Property Tax Assessments:

Mayor Pro Tem Wiens opened the hearing at 9:12 a.m.

Blue Earth County staff recommended several property values be adjusted. The properties are as follows:

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Councilor Cooper moved and Councilor Schultz second a motion to approve the assessed value of the about listed properties as recommended by Blue Earth County staff. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

Seeing no further comments, Mayor Pro Tem Wiens closed the public hearing at 9:18 a.m.

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Information Items:

Administrator Gronau notified the Board that Industrial Fabrication Services, Inc appealed its 2017, 2018 and 2019 assessments and a settlement was recently reached and the excess payment of taxes will be refunded. The city portions of the refund are as follows:

- 2017 - $8,522.25
- 2018 - $6,688.59
- 2019 - $5,885.55

The refund will be deducted from the May 2019 tax settlement.

Adjourned:

Councilor Cooper moved and Councilor Schultz seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried. Mayor Pro Tem Wiens adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

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Todd Wiens, Mayor Pro Tem

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Taylor Gronau, City Administrator