

City Council Board of Appeal and Equalization
April 25, 2022
6:00 p.m.
City Hall

Members present were Thomas, Langeslag, Mueller, Merritt, and Bartlett.

Members absent were: none.

City staff and consultants in attendance were Jed Petersen and Elizabeth Jackson.

Others attending were Brian Anderson, William Effertz, Marie Sexton, Jeff Woods, Vern Owens, Cathi Gasner, Sylvia Lee, August and Shirley Zahn, and Mark Heaser.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Board of Appeal and Equalization is to allow property owners the opportunity to review their market value for tax purposes as set by the Steele County Assessor's office.

Brian Anderson presented the highlights of the 2021 assessment report. The total estimated market value of the City of Medford increased by 14.1%. There were 27 home sales in Medford in 2021.

The Assessor's office had two properties with concerns about possible reductions in value.

Motion by Merritt, seconded by Mueller to open the meeting for public comment at 6:09 p.m. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Public Comments – Sylvia Lee stated she is a non-resident, State Citizen and her properties are tax exempt and she requested classification changes for her properties.

August Zahn, Vern Owens, Bill Heyer, Eric Dunham and Sylvia Lee will have their concerns addressed at the Steel County public hearing on June 14, 2022.

Motion by Langeslag, seconded by Merritt to close the meeting for public comments at 6:13 p.m. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Council did not recommend any changes to the Steele County Assessor.

Motion by Langeslag, seconded by Bartlett to forward the 5 property owners' concerns on to Steele County. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Langeslag, seconded by Mueller to adjourn the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting at 6:15 pm. All members voted aye for approval. Motion carried.

Minutes approved at _____ meeting.

Submitted by _____ City Clerk.

Signed by _____ Mayor.