

Unapproved Minutes of the Montrose Board of Equalization & Special Meeting of the Montrose City Council

The Montrose City Council and a representative from Montrose School Board convened as the Board of Equalization on March 18, 2019 in the Community Center, Montrose, SD. The meeting was called to order by Mayor/Board Chairman Paul Klaudt at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present were: Paul Klaudt, Tony Heumiller, Susie Painter, Jake Tysdal, and Jason McAreavey. Also in attendance were Finance Officer Sara Smith and community member Ann Morrison. Motion by Painter, 2nd by Heumiller to approve the agenda.

An appeal was heard regarding parcel 19.00.0908 owned by Security State Bank, which is the location of the old Irish Pub that was torn down in 2017. The 2018 tax assessment still reflected the value of the structure. Motion by Heumiller, 2nd by Tysdal to lower the structure assessment value on parcel 19.00.0908 from 13,378.00 to zero. All approved. Smith will submit the paperwork to the county and notify Security State Bank of the board’s decision. The Board of Equalization reviewed the tax assessment book. Motion by Tysdal, 2nd by Painter to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting at 6:11 pm. All approved.

Motion to reconvene as the Montrose City Council in a special meeting by Painter, 2nd by Tysdal at 6:11 pm. All approved. Council members present were: Mayor Paul Klaudt, Tony Heumiller, Susie Painter, Jake Tysdal; Finance Officer Sara Smith, and community member Ann Morrison.

Discussed various projects that may be needed to recover from and prepare for future flooding. DGR Engineering recommended increasing the height of the sewer lift station and building up the ground around it to protect it from future flooding, similar to Dell Rapids, and add a generator and update the cell phone notification system so that City Maintenance is notified of any issues at the lift station. The Army Corps of Engineers needs to be contacted for permits to repair and prevent erosion of the river bank by the sewer lagoons. Discussed needing to keep filled sandbags and concrete blocks ready so we don’t lose time during a future flood. Cell 3 Berm at the lagoon is very close to the river due to erosion. This is likely the highest priority project that needs to be addressed. Need to purchase a lagoon pump for approximately \$7,000-\$10,000, and other various pumps and hoses to have on hand. Need to reassess drainage slopes in ditches. Road repairs may be necessary where people drove on flood covered roads. Culverts need to be cleaned and a jetter needs to be purchased. All residents need to have their sump pumps drain to the street/ditches in front of their homes rather than into their neighbor’s yard or into the sanitary sewer system. Need to evaluate renting vs buying a payloador. Discussed hiring a contractor with a dump truck to take piles of snow out of town rather than buying a lot of new equipment.

Discussed a date and time for the upcoming public meeting. Ann Morrison spoke up and thought the purpose of this meeting was the public meeting. She notified the council that she had 4” of water in her shop on Main Street due to snow piled up on the curb.

The Council decided to hold the public hearing on Saturday, March 30th at 9:00 am in the Community Center. In order to speak at the public hearing, the sign in sheet must be filled out. There will be a two-minute time limit per speaker. You must state your name and address for the record, then speak to the council regarding the issues you saw during the flood and the suggested solution that would keep that issue from recurring, if known. The council will not discuss, debate or decide on any of the issues at this meeting. The issues will be compiled and further discussion will be held at future regular council meetings. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information only.

Motion to adjourn the special meeting of the Montrose City Council at 6:45 by Heumiller, 2nd by Tysdal. All approved.

Attest: _____

Sara Smith
Finance Officer

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Paul Klaudt
Mayor