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February 26, 2013
12:00 P.M.

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING OF THE MASON CITY CONFERENCE BOARD**

On call of Eric Bookmeyer, Mayor of the City of Mason City, Iowa, and Chair of the Mason City Conference Board, representatives of the three tax levying bodies of Mason City met in the 2nd floor conference room at City Hall, Tuesday, February 26th, 2013 at 12:00 PM.

The following members were present: Mayor Eric Bookmeyer in the chair; Tim Becker, Paula Recinos, Scott Warren and Mark Young representing the Board of Education; Scott Tornquist, Janet Solberg and Jean Marinos representing the City Council; and Bob Amosson, Phil Dougherty and Jay Urdahl representing the County Board of Supervisors. Also present was Dana Naumann, City Assessor, acting as clerk.

Present from the local press was John Skipper from the "Globe Gazette" and Matt Markwardt from "North Iowa Today".

ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Urdahl to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Marinos. All ayes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Tornquist to approve the January 29, 2013 meeting minutes. Mr. Amosson seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

FY 2012-2013 CITY ASSESSOR BUDGET AMENDMENT

The _____ Conference Board _____ of _____ the City of Mason City _____ of _____ Cerro Gordo _____ County, Iowa will meet at: _____ Mason City - City Hall, 2nd floor conference room _____ on _____ February 26th _____ 2013 _____ at _____ 12:00 PM _____ for the purpose of amending the current _____ Mason City Assessor _____ budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 _____, by increasing expenditures in the following funds:

_____ Assessment Expense _____ Fund from \$ _____ \$226,780 _____ to \$ _____ 286,780 _____.

_____ Special Appraisal _____ Fund from \$ _____ \$60,000 _____ to \$ _____ 0 _____.

Reasons for increases: _____ HF524 eliminated the Assessor's Special Appraisal Fund and now all expenditures previously budgeted in that fund will be paid from the Assessor's Assessment Expense Fund. _____

The increase in expenditures set out above will be met from increased receipts and/or cash balances not budgeted or considered in the current budget. There will be no increase in taxes to be paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts (other than taxes), cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Amosson to adopt the Assessor's 2012-2013 budget amendment. Motion seconded by Mrs. Recinos.

PUBLIC HEARING

Tim Latham, 3414 Brandywine Road, Mason City, had several questions and concerns about the Assessor's reappraisal project. His concerns included: the cost of the project, could a local appraiser who knows the local market be hired full time in lieu of hiring an outside firm to conduct the reappraisal, a reappraisal could increase the amount of District Court appeals on property assessments, properties that are currently over-assessed compared to sale prices.

It was noted by Mr. Tornquist that the motion on the table was for an amendment to current budget year, and not the next fiscal year budget, where the reappraisal project is proposed.

On roll call, all members vote aye. Motion carried.

FY 2013-2014 CITY ASSESSOR BUDGET

CITY ASSESSOR LINE-ITEM EXPENSES	PROPOSED 13/14 BUDGET
ADMINISTRATOR	\$80,000
DEPUTY	\$64,000
OTHER PERSONNEL	\$61,020
BOARD OF REVIEW	\$6,000
FICA	\$15,685
IPERS	\$18,310
INSURANCE	\$62,160
BOND-WORKERS COMP	\$2,200
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$1,000
MILEAGE	\$4,240
POSTAGE & MAILING	\$3,000
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$2,400
TELEPHONE	\$1,500
PROF. APPRAISAL SERVICES	\$30,000
CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$5,000
COURT & APPEALS	\$20,000
EXAMINING BOARD	\$250
PUBLICATIONS & LEGAL NOTICES	\$1,500
DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	\$1,500
EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE	\$10,000
MAPPING	\$19,500
HARDWARE & SOFTWARE	\$15,000
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$424,265
Special Projects - Reserved Funds	\$240,000
TOTAL AMOUNT LEVIED	\$664,265

It was moved by Ms. Recinos to adopt the 2013-2014 City Assessor budget proposal. Motion seconded by Mr. Dougherty.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public comments.


On roll call, all members vote aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Tornquist to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Amosson. All ayes, motion carried. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 12:25 P.M.


Eric Bookmeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dana Naumann, Clerk