

City of Greenfield
Assessor's Meeting
May 16th, 2019

14 Court Square, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

9:00 am

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Joseph Ruggeri.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Chairman Joseph Ruggeri, Clerk Deanne Letourneau and Chief Assessor Kimberly Mew.

Also present was Jeff Reynolds from RRG.

Clerk Letourneau read the May 9th, 2019 meeting minutes into the record.

MOTION: On a motion by Letourneau, second by Mew, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE MAY 9TH, 2019 MEETING MINUTES WITH FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was opened at 9:07 am by Joseph Ruggeri.

Steven Finer of 38 Grinnell Street spoke about how he realized the importance of the Assessors office. He recognized that RRG specifically Jeff Reynolds does a really good job and how important that is to our City. Mr. Finer discussed that properties on Grinnell Street have not changed much in over two years causing the taxes to be stable. He added a one room addition of 1,200 square feet and felt as though it was unfair to have such a high value.

Kim Mew discussed that the Assessors office along with RRG are working on a plan moving forward to do inspections of all properties in the City. Jeff Reynolds explained that when doing inspections if the home owner doesn't allow us to enter their home we will ask to measure the property from the exterior to make sure our square footage is correct. If the home owner asks the inspector to leave they have to leave. The inspector can stand on the sidewalk and make an educated assumption about how the interior looks. If this happens the Assessors office can go to the building inspectors office and ask for the plans of the home. Mr. Finer asked if we are not allowed in to a building if we can decide to give it a value based just on an estimate. Mr. Reynolds explained that we would build the record card based on what we can see and then go back over the neighborhood, past values, sales etc. to make sure that the value is not way off.

Mr. Finer departed the meeting at 9:40 am.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 FROM MAY 6TH, 2019 THROUGH MAY 10TH, 2019 AND FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 FROM MAY 6TH, 2019 THROUGH MAY 10TH, 2019.

Board discussed income and expense letter and fee's and tabled for revised letter.

MOTION: On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AT 9:47 AM.

MOTION: On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Letourneau, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:47 AM.

MOTION: On a motion by Mew, second by Ruggeri, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:50 AM.

Board discussed Assessors budget & the importance of RRG. Board will continue discussion.

MOTION: On a motion by Letourneau, second by Ruggeri, it was unanimously;
VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:58 AM.

Next Scheduled meeting May 29th, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Mew
Chief Assessor
Greenfield Assessors
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