

**Castlewood City Council**  
**March 18, 2019**

The Castlewood City Council met as the Board of Equalization with the following members present: Mayor Brian Ries, Michelle Barker, Jeff Shepherd, Heather Schmit, Jeff Dahl, Shawn Mullaney and Ryman Dockter. Also present: Sheila Gerhold, Larry Goens, Terry and Ronalee Smith.

President Mullaney called the meeting to order.

A motion by Barker and seconded by Schmit to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor and motion passed.

President Mullaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Larry Goens was present to appeal the assessment on his property. His property is assessed at \$102,000 and is 120 years old and has three different levels from his house being added onto. Larry stated 8 years ago his house was valued at \$55,000. A motion by Dahl and seconded by Barker to have the Director of Equalization reassess the property and have Larry appeal to the county board. All in favor and motion passed.

Mayor Ries attended the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Dave Wernke did not attend the meeting but appealed his assessment. His complaint is that his valuation was raised by \$5,450 in 2017. His property is assessed at \$136,803. A motion by Mullaney and seconded by Schmit to leave the property assessed as is and have Dave appeal to the county board. All in favor and motion passed.

Terry and Ronalee Smith were present to appeal their assessment. They just purchased their home for \$118,000 and the property is assessed at \$123,000. They feel the assessed property should be lower because the \$118,000 purchase price included appliances. A motion by Mullaney to lower the assessment to \$118,000. Died due to the lack of a second. A motion by Dahl to lower the assessment to \$116,500. Died due to the lack of a second. Dahl made a motion to have the Director of Equalization reassess the property and have Smith's appeal to the county board. The motion was seconded by Mullaney with all members present in favor and motion passed.

A motion by Schmit and seconded by Dahl to adjourn the meeting as the Board of Equalization at 7:32 p.m. All members present in favor and motion passed.

Mayor Ries called the meeting to order as the city council.

Discussion was held on the city snow plow. The transmission went out on the 1989 snow plow. A committee of Mullaney and Dockter were appointed to search for a used snow plow.

The finance officer sent letters to get quotes on a 2-year audit and has not received any. This was tabled until the April 1, 2019, meeting.

A letter of resignation from Adam Rudebusch was read. Adam resigned from the Economic Development Board as a member and President of the board. The city council will appoint a new member at the April 1, 2019, meeting.

A motion by Schmit and seconded by Dahl to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sheila Gerhold  
Finance Officer