

City of Colfax  
4/25/2016 Tax Equalization Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gauslow at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Tom Wulfekuhle, Neil Berseth, Jody Lingen and Jeff Olson, City Auditor Susan Bowman, City Tax Assessor Chris DeVries, Richland County Tax Director, Sandy Fossum, and City residents Gary Score, Donovan Hendrickson, Aaron Kleingartner, and Sid Berg .

Chris DeVries reported that the City had undergone a complete assessment; last time it was completed was in 2008. The County is looking at having all of Richland County on a 5 year rotation. It was noted that by State law the values must be at least 90% of the market value. Two letters had been sent out to residents – the first one in error, then the corrected one. The error dealt with the multiplier reported for the valuations – the multiplier was able to be reduced. City residents were in attendance asking about the multiplier. Sid Berg was recognized. He verified with the County that the City Multiplier could return to the higher rate next assessment period. It is based on sales.

Chris DeVries presented the Residential Assessor's report:

Park Board has removed the Café from the tax roles as the building will only be used by the park board now and will no longer be a restaurant.

Justin Reiland property has been changed from Com to Res

Keith Hage land is changed to Industrial

Nathan Berseth vacated part of 1<sup>st</sup> St. and it has been added to his land.

After discussion, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Neal Berseth to approve the Residential Assessor's report; motion carried.

Chris DeVries presented the Commercial Assessor's report; Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to accept the Commercial Assessor's Report; motion carried.

Chris DeVries presented two tax exemption applications for Farms: Tom & Inis Kaye Frankl and Paul & Vanessa Kummer. After review, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve the exemptions; motion carried.

It was noted the City would like to have their 2017 Assessor meeting on the Third Monday of April at 7 PM.

There being no further business, Neil Berseth made a motion, second by Jeff Olson to adjourn the Tax Assessor meeting; meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bowman