



CITY OF VELVA
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Special Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2020
4:45pm



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Tax Equalization Meeting
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Commission President called the meeting to order at 4:45pm. Roll Call: Jen Soli, Tom Foley-speakerphone, Mary Liz Davis-speakerphone, Ron Nagle and Jenny Johns.

Soli read a press release for immediate release after approval: *The Velva City Commission has been informed that a criminal complaint was filed in Ward County District Court against City Auditor, Jenny Johns, on April 1, 2020. The events described by the complaint are alleged to have occurred in May, 2016, through February, 2018, while Ms. Johns was Deputy Auditor for the City of Surrey. Ms. Johns has retained an attorney at her own expense. A preliminary hearing will eventually be held to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to require a trial. On advice of the City Attorney, the Commission is honoring Ms. Johns' constitutional presumption of innocence. However, we also want to assure the residents of Velva that there have been no allegations of misconduct by Ms. Johns in her capacity as Velva's auditor. The Commission will continue to closely monitor the progress of the court proceedings.* Davis/Foley made a motion to approve the press release as read. Roll Call: Davis-yes; Foley-yes; Soli-yes. Motion carried.

Soli adjourned special meeting at 4:47pm.

TAX EQUALIZATION MEETING:

Soli called the Tax Equalization Meeting to order at 5:00pm. Roll Call: Jen Soli, Tom Foley-speakerphone, Mary Liz Davis-speakerphone, Ron Nagle and Jenny Johns.

Nagle discussed the city review of assessments, valuations and the increase/decrease sheets in the packet. There were 127 entries for review. Nagle stated the there was an increase of just under one million dollars. Foley asked if there were any questions or concerns from residents. Nagle stated that one commercial property had questions. Davis had a question on a decrease on a property. Discussion ensued. Davis/Foley made a motion to approve the assessor's assessments, valuations, and increase/decrease sheets. Roll Call: Davis-yes; Foley-yes; Soli-yes. Motion carried.

Nagle discussed the Homestead Credits for Senior Citizens. Discussion ensued. Davis/Foley made a motion to approve the Homestead Credits. Roll Call: Davis-yes; Foley-yes; Soli-yes. Motion carried.

Nagle discussed the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credits. Foley/Davis made a motion to approve the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credits. Roll Call: Foley-yes; Davis-yes; Soli-yes. Motion carried.

Nagle stated there were no Homestead "Special Assessment" Credit Applications.

Adjournment

Soli adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

*****Minutes are subject to amendment and approval*****

Jennifer Soli
Commission President

Jenny Johns
Auditor