

City of Mercer Minutes

Tax Equalization

April 16, 2021

Mayor Ron Schatz called the Tax Equalization meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Council members Randy Zinke, Gary Volochenko, and Derek Fiedler, and Ken Thomsen. Also in attendance Auditor, Ashley Fiedler, Ryan Oberg, City Assessor.

Auditor Fiedler, stated after talking with Assessor, Ryan Oberg, there will not be any changes, or increases to assessments this year. Council member Ken Thomsen feels there needs to be some market adjustments made on lots. Thomsen would like to equalize the parcels in town, would help make things more equal in town. Thomsen feels equalizing the properties would help bring more tax inflow for the City. Oberg is in some agreement to Thomsen's goals. They have a plan that's very moderate, nothing big and drastic. The plan is to come out late spring, early summer and go door to door and get updated records on each property. Get correct measurements, take pictures if needed and any other updated information on the property. Once the data is in look over how we can gradually raise and equalize the property over a few years.

Ken Thomsen makes motion to approve city Assessors report of no changes for the year, Gary Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Fiedler makes motion to adjourn meeting, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.