

GREENWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
Tuesday, April 7, 2009 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers 20225 Cottagewood Road Deephaven MN 55331

1. CALL TO ORDER- ROLL CALL - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Kind called the meeting to order.

Members present: Mayor Kind, Councilmembers Page, Rose, Fletcher and Quam

Others attending: City Administrator Whipple, City Attorney Kelly, and Recording Secretary Link

Hennepin County Assessors Bill Effertz and Nathan Stulc were also present.

Councilmember Quam moved to approve the worksession agenda. Councilmember Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. PRE-BOARD MEETING WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSESSORS

County Assessor Stulc discussed the booklets compiled by the County which show the sales for the previous year which are used to judge the level of assessment in Greenwood.

Overall, there was a negative 2.8% growth. He noted four residents have signed up for the Board of Review meeting on April 16. Assessor, Bill Effertz, noted three Councilmembers have attended the Board of Review training. Kind reviewed the process for the Board of Review meeting on April 16. Kind noted the reconvened meeting is scheduled for April 30.

In between the meetings, the Council will have a chance to do their own research and view the properties. Stulc stated a recommendation packet will be provided at the reconvened meeting.

Stulc noted foreclosed properties are not included in the calculations. Fletcher noted the properties sold in 2008 had over a 7% reduction in their valuation. Kind noted that according to the 2008 sales study, lakeshore properties should have averaged a 5.96% reduction and off-shore properties should have averaged a 6.82% reduction compared to 3.3% and 5.4% on the assessor's report. Effertz and Stulc agreed to look into questions raised and report back to the council.

3. DISCUSS GREENWOOD FEES

The Council continued discussion of the fee schedule. Fees discussed included certification of past due accounts, street excavation, tobacco licenses, and zoning code amendment fees. Another worksession will be held prior to the Board of Review meeting on April 16 at 5:30 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Rose moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Councilmember Quam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clare T. Link
Recording Secretary