

Dassel, MN

Special City Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm

1. Call to Order

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Meeting called to order by Mayor Lalone at 6:01 pm.

a. Roll Call

Council members Gaertner, Landrus, Sombke, Thurn & Mayor Lalone

Minutes:

Council members present: Gaertner, Landrus, Sombke, Thurn & Mayor Lalone. Member absent: none

2. Business Items

a. Missi Voigt, Meeker County Assessor - Board of Appeal & Equalization

Minutes:

Missi Voigt, Meeker County Assessor explained the differences between having Meeker County doing the Board of Appeal & Equalization as opposed to having Dassel City Council take the process over. The Board of Appeal & Equalization Hearings are held in April of each year. It was estimated that it has been 10 years since the City Council held the hearings. Currently, Meeker County hold an Open Book process from April to June for residents to inquire about their property value. The Council would be required to take an online training to become certified. Anyone requesting a property value adjustment must have a complete interior and exterior inspection. If a resident came to the Council and didn't get an adjustment. They are then able to go to the County Board and request an adjustment. The Council needs to make their decision by December. Voigt stated the reasoning behind doing an assessment of each property in the city limits of Dassel this year is to get the entire city on the same rotation. Voigt stated a flyover is done every 3 years to get an ariel photograph. The last one was done in 2024 just waiting to get the images uploaded.

This will be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

b. Meeker County Sheriff Brian Cruze - Policing Contract

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Sheriff Cruze discussed the increase in contract amount for the Sheriff's Department with City Council stating that since COVID things such as squads have increased in price, plus the County had to make deputies wages more competitive. He is anticipating an increase from \$54.00 per hour to \$58.00 per hour in 2025 and \$62.00 per hour in 2026. These rates and contract wording has not been discussed at a county board meeting. Then contracts will be drawn up and sent out for final approval. The new contract is expected to be out in September.

Council also discussed enforcement of certain ordinance items with Sheriff Cruze and the Sheriff explained the difference between which were criminal in nature and can be enforced and those that cannot. There was also discussion related to civil processes and the possibility of administrative citations. There was discussion regarding the proposed renovations at City Hall for the Library and Sheriff Cruze spoke that his Deputy's need to be located in this building due to the confidentiality of their work.

3. Adjourn

Minutes:

Motion by Sombke, seconded by Gaertner to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.