

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING
MAY 13, 2008

The Unalaska City Council, sitting as the Board of Equalization, was called to order by Mayor Marquardt at 7:00 p.m., May 13, 2008, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Mayor -Shirley Marquardt

Members -Dick Peck
-Katherine McGlashan
-Zoya Johnson
-David Gregory
-Roger Rowland

Absent -Juanita Lewis (excused)

APPEALS: 2008 REAL AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS:

Adam Verrier, Appraisal Company of Alaska reported that the City received twenty one appeals this year; 16 residential and 5 commercial appeals. Twenty appeals were resolved prior to the Board of Equalization and one is being brought before the BOE tonight. Mr. Verrier presented appeal from Juliette Vries. Appeal is on valuation of Lot 8, Creekside Estates Subdivision, Amundson Addition #2, which has an assessment of \$54,400. Appellant believes that due to no significant improvements to the property and the negative impact by the surrounding properties, assessment should be \$42,000.

Rowena Lacson, Deputy City Clerk, administered oath to Juliette Vries, the appellant.

JULIETTE VRIES:

Real property tax account # 06-09-154, Lot 8, Creekside Estates, Amundson Add No. 2

Ms. Vries testified that she is not disputing Mr. Verrier's assessment of the property; wanted to voice her concerns about her disappointment that the City lacks ordinance in place that will hold property owners who collects materials that are considered hazardous to the people in the neighborhood accountable; would like to request that Council introduce an ordinance on junk properties.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Marquardt explained that the City Council will only address the appeal. Council discussion regarding the effect on the value of properties because of the surrounding properties; inquiring if the appellant is satisfied with the Assessor's recommendation. Ms. Vries explained that the surrounding neighborhood affects the value of the property; satisfied with the assessor's valuation.

Adam Verrier reported that the subject property was re-inspected; made a subjective 25% adjustment on the assessed valuation; think that the value of the property will be higher if the site is not surrounded by significant amount of materials that includes building supplies and disabled vehicles.

MOTION: Rowland move to uphold the Assessor's recommendation to reduce the assessed valuation of \$54,400 to \$44,400, Johnson second.

Discussion: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Mayor Marquardt adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.


Rowena Lacson
Deputy City Clerk