

Board of Equalization
CITY OF PORTLAND COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday April 13, 2020

The Portland City Council met on Monday April 13, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Portland Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sven Mickels. Also present were Aldermen Craig Klabo, JoAnna Nielson and Jerod Basol. Alderman Troy Grinde and Public Works Director Ben Basol were in attendance via telephone conference.

Also in attendance was Janet Meyer, City of Portland Assessor, Kayla Knudson, Traill County Tax Director and Mel Carlson, commercial property assessor.

Janet Meyer, City Assessor presented properties which received increases in tax valuation for the tax year 2019. There were thirty one (31) notices sent to residents regarding increases presented. There were thirty (30) residential increases and one (1) commercial increase sent from the city assessor. The commercial assessor hired by the county, Mel Carlson, had eight increases mailed to residents. Discussion held regarding the impact of having the city assessor and an appraiser being the same individual. The sales ratio for Traill County is at 91.4% with the City of Portland being lower than the County and farmland with an increase of 5%. The biggest impact on the city not achieving a 100% sales ratio is that the city's current building permit ordinance does not include any improvements to roofs and internal remodeling which raises the sales value above the assessed value. The City of Portland to consider changes to its current building ordinance in 2020. Motion Klabo, second Grinde to approve residential assessments, on roll, all aye, motion carried

There are 4 tax exempt properties in the City of Portland. Motion Nielson, second Klabo to accept and approve tax exemptions for MayPort Food Pantry, Golden Age Club, Veterans Memorial and Norseman Archers, on roll, all aye, motion carried. Motion Basol, second Klabo to accept a \$75,000 2 year adjustment for a new home, all aye, motion carried.

Motion Basol, second Klabo to approve the changes to the assessment rolls as presented, on roll, all aye, motion carried.

Nadine Rygg, Auditor

Sven Mickels, Mayor