

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AMES CONFERENCE BOARD**

**AMES, IOWA**

**JANUARY 12, 2016**

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The regular meeting of the Ames Conference Board was called to order by Chairman Ann Campbell at 5:30 p.m. on January 12, 2016. Present from the Ames City Council were Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Chris Nelson, and Peter Orazem. Story County Board of Supervisors present were Wayne Clinton and Rick Sanders. Representing the Ames School Board were Lewis Rosser and Bill Talbot. Gilbert Community School District and United School District were not represented.

**MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2015, MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD:** Moved by Sanders, seconded by Corrieri, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2015, Meeting of the Ames Conference Board.

Vote on Motion: 3-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**ASSESSOR'S BUDGET PROPOSALS:** Ames City Assessor Greg Lynch highlighted information from the City Assessor's 2016/17 Annual Report.

It was noted by Mr. Lynch that two new appraisers, Don Wacker and Chris Malloy, were hired in December 2015. One position remains vacant, which is the Information Technology position.

Mr. Lynch also brought the Board's attention to Page 4 of the Report, which showed assessed and taxable values. According to Mr. Lynch, the 6.4% increase is the largest in the six years that he has been the Assessor. It means that there has been a lot of growth in the City.

The recommendation is for a 3% increase in staff salaries. Mr. Lynch publicly thanked his staff for their hard work in getting the assessment letters out. It was pointed out that in FY 2016/17, there will be 27 Pay Periods, instead of the normal 26 Periods. Supervisor Sanders noted that the percentage of change between the Proposed and Current Budget at 3.2% is a bit deceiving; it would be more like 1.7% without that 27<sup>th</sup> Pay Period. According to Mr. Lynch, there had been a significant increase in insurance costs.

Moved by Clinton, seconded by Rosser, to approve the recommendations of the Assessor's Report. Roll Call Vote: 3-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Corrieri, seconded by Sanders, to receive the proposed budget (adoption of the budget will occur after the hearing is held).

Roll Call Vote: 3-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

Moved by Betcher, seconded by Sanders, to set 5:30 p.m. on February 23, 2016, as the date of public hearing on the proposed FY 2016/17 City Assessor's budget.

Roll Call Vote: 3-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Rosser, seconded by Gartin, to adjourn the Ames Conference Board at 5:48 p.m.

Vote on Motion: 3-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.