

**CITY OF PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING, MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M.**

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The Special Assessment Commission held a Public Hearing at the Park River City Council Chambers on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

Chairperson Dr. Mark Helgeson (by phone) called the public hearing to order at 5:00 PM to allow the public to voice comments or concerns on the special assessments for properties in the Street Improvement District 2017-1 defined area. The following were present; Commission Members Judy Troftgruben and Eugene Bossert, Financial Analyst Ryan Graf of AE2S Nexus, City Coordinator/Auditor Nancy Thompson, Assessor/Deputy Auditor Ann Berg, Mayor Stenvold, Councilmen Anderson, Byron, Knutson, Halvorson and City Attorney Laaveg. Others present: Kerry Schmitz, Luther and Linda Meberg, and Mike Helt. PWD Dennis Larson and Jon Markusen arrived at 5:45 pm.

At this time Chairperson Helgeson turned the meeting over to Commission Member Bossert to conduct.

Bossert reminded those present the Commission recommendation was to special assess residential parcels at \$5,567.55 per parcel with the commercial per parcel assessment figure at \$16,702.64.

Kerry Schmitz questioned why this project was done as a special assessment project and the water tower project was not. Stenholm explained the City received grant money for 65% of the water tower project but grant funding was not available for this project and that is why the City is using special assessments.

Luther Meberg asked why his parcel assessment is three times what most others are. Bossert explained that commercial properties generate more traffic than residential properties and generally are assessed at a higher rate. Meberg asked why his property is being assessed when he runs a tax exempt business on the leased railroad site. The explanation is that if he only leases the land the property owner, in this case the railroad, is assessed the specials.

Being no further comments, Helgeson moved to adjourn at 5:14 PM.

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Chairperson, Dr. Mark Helgeson

Respectfully Submitted By

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Ann Berg, Assessor/Deputy Auditor