

City of Brownsville

Minutes of the April 4, 2022 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting (LBAE)

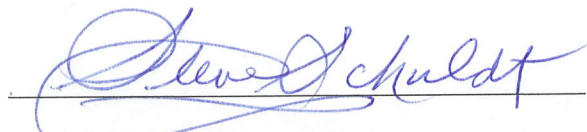
The annual meeting of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE) for the City of Brownsville was called to order by Mayor Allen Whitesitt at 6:00 pm. Councilmembers Jeff LeJeune, Tim Klug and John Jangula were present. Jacob Danielson was absent. Joe Olson and Kelly Peterson were present representing the Houston County Assessor's Office. Residents in attendance were Joseph Harer, Joanne Kletzke, Kathy Phillips, Nicole Ranzenberger, Brandon Frank, Ben Novak, Tony Kath, and Pam Walhovd.

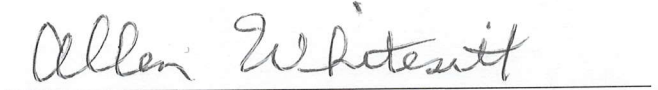
Kelly Peterson reviewed a handout provided by the County Assessor's Office which explained the duties of individuals in the property appeal process as well as the rules that must be followed in that process. Ms. Peterson explained that property values in the county were increased for state equalization purposes because county valuations were below state averages. Land values were explained and real estate sales for the period 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2021 were reviewed as well as new construction values. Joe Olson reviewed and explained tax capacity and tax rates. Payment of lieu of taxes was explained and agricultural homestead market value credit.

Mr. Olson answered questions regarding property valuations and explained why homestead exclusions were declining. Mr. Olson also informed residents that properties on Marina Drive (Harbor Lights Addition) were increased on average 54%. Residents were informed that Air B&B properties were paying 1.25% additional taxes. Residents were informed that boat houses were not valued for tax purposes. Building site and land values were discussed in addition to explanation of green acres and rural preserve. Residents were informed of the availability of property tax refunds through the state. A resident questioned if state representatives ever attended Truth in Taxation meetings.

Mr. Olson informed council that Tim Serres contacted the office to request a review of a property he currently owns. The assessor's office recommended a valuation of \$56,700.00 from \$50,000.00. Jacob Danielson moved, second by John Jangula and the motion passed to approve the recommended valuation of \$56,700.00.

There being no additional questions, Allen Whitesitt moved, second by Jacob Danielson and motion passed to adjourn the LBAE meeting at 7:05 pm.


Steve Schuldt, City Clerk


Allen Whitesitt, Mayor