

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TRUTH – IN - TAXATION
Monday, December 09, 2024
6:00 pm**

- A. Call to Order**
- a. Mayor Lonnie Lambertus called the meeting to order at 6pm. Council members in attendance are as follows: Greg Erickson, Scott Wood, Dylan Fricke and Curt Paradis. Also, in attendance Josh Torgeson-Public Works Superintendent, Kimberly Wall-City Clerk/Treasurer, Bruce Wee, Deb Stibbe, Darrell Grey and Deloris Tolhurst.
- B. Truth In Taxation – 2025 Levy**
- a. Deb Stibbe addressed the council stating that her proposed taxes went up 46.6% which increased the value of their home. She stated that they had made a few upgrades approximately nine (9) years ago but nothing to warrant the 46.6% increase. Lonnie informed Deb Stibbe that the valuation is not done by the City of Balaton but done by the county. Curt Paradis and Greg Erickson stated that Mark Buysse explained that the state is making the county raise the value on older homes; they were also going by the sales from the previous years of the same range of homes. Greg Erickson informed Deb Stibbe that to dispute her valuation, that meeting is held in the spring of 2025 (with Mark Buysse) and that the truth in taxation meeting is only about the 2.08% increase of the tax levy. Lonnie stated that she could go to the assessor's office and speak with them directly.
- b. Darrell Grey stated that his valuation went up. Greg Erickson stated that he would need to speak with the county assessor's office.
- c. Deloris Tolhurst informed the council that Mark Buysse came out to her place during the spring meeting and agreed to lower her taxes; however, she received her proposed tax statement, and it increased by two thousand dollars (\$2000). She questioned the council about who she should speak with, they informed her Mark Buysse at the county courthouse.
- C. Adjournment:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Curt Paradis. Motion was carried by all present. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.



Kimberly Wall
Clerk-Treasurer



Lonnie Lambertus
Mayor