

MOUND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
December 19, 2012

The City Council of the City of Mound, Hennepin County, Minnesota, met in special session on Wednesday, December 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall.

Members present: Mayor Mark Hanus; Councilmembers David Osmek, Heidi Gesch, Kelli Gillispie and Ray Salazar.

Others present: City Manager Kandis Hanson, Finance Director/Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Pausche, Hennepin County Assessors Jim Atchison and Earl Zent and residents of Arbor Lane and Edgewater Drive.

1. Open meeting

Mayor Hanus called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Presentation by Hennepin County Assessors Office

Jim Atchison provided a Point Presentation Handout, Department of Revenue Fact Sheets 12A – C, County Attorney Handout on filing tax court petition and a map of the assessment neighborhood. Presentation talked about handouts, resources, assessor's role, and tax payer options. Atchison noted the assessor's part of equation is the value of home as of 1/1/2012 for taxes payable in 2013. The cycle includes the valuation notice mailed in February/March of each year followed by Truth in Taxation (TNT) notice in November and then the tax bill mailed in March of the following year.

Assessor sated that the payable 2013 taxes are set in stone and the only way to change is to file a petition. The assessors agreed to help residents of Arbor Lane and Edgewater Drive neighborhood determine if a petition is worthwhile based on their circumstances, but warns it is paper and time intensive and costs \$160 dollars.

Other options include filing a regular property tax refund, which for 2011, applied to households with income less than \$100,780 and the maximum refund was \$2,460. Another option is to apply for a special property tax refund, which applies to homestead properties who experienced a net tax increase of more than 12%, and \$100. The special PTR has no income limit and the maximum refund is \$1,000, which for this tax base is the equivalent of a \$65,000 reduction in taxable market value.

Residents were given the chance to ask questions and express their concerns and the assessors reiterated their willingness to help further in the matter.

3. Adjourn

MOTION by Osmek, seconded by Salazar to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Mark Hanus

Attest: Catherine Pausche, Clerk