

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CONFERENCE BOARD
AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

AMES, IOWA

FEBRUARY 26, 2008

REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMES CONFERENCE BOARD

The regular meeting of the Ames Conference Board was called to order by Chairperson Ann Campbell at 6:30 p.m. on February 26, 2008. Present from the Ames City Council were Doll, Goodman, Larson, Mahayni, Popken, and Rice. Story County Board of Supervisors present were Clinton, Halliburton, and Strohmman. Representing the Ames School Board were Cakerice and Todey. Gilbert and United School Districts were not represented.

Chairperson Campbell explained that, after the January 22, 2008, meeting, a clarification was made by City Attorney Doug Marek regarding the composition of the Board: Each of the five separate entities is a voting unit of the Conference Board, and from all of the members of those five entities, at least two members from each of three voting units must be present to constitute a quorum. Since it was now evident that the Ames Conference Board did not have a quorum for the meeting held January 22, 2008, the items from that meeting needed to be placed on this Agenda.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2007, AND JANUARY 22, 2008, CONFERENCE BOARD REGULAR MEETINGS: Moved by Mahayni, seconded by Halliburton, to approve the minutes of the regular Conference Board meetings of February 27, 2007, and January 22, 2008. Vote on Motion: 3-0. Motion declared carried unanimously.

REAPPOINTMENT OF CITY ASSESSOR: Moved by Goodman, seconded by Cakerice, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 08-018 approving the reappointment of Greg Lynch as the Ames City Assessor. Roll Call Vote: 3-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Chairperson, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

REAPPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBER: Moved by Todey, seconded by Rice, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 08-019 approving the reappointment of Lowell Greimann to the Board of Review. Roll Call Vote: 3-0. Resolution declared carried unanimously, signed by the Chairperson, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

CITY ASSESSOR'S BUDGET PROPOSALS: City Assessor Greg Lynch stated that the report given to the Board at its January 22, 2008, meeting showed the City Assessor's Office receiving a 5% overall salary increase. It was agreed at that time that if the City's percentage of salary increase was less than that, the City Assessor's Office percentage would decrease accordingly. That did occur, resulting in a decrease to the total salary package for the City Assessor's Office in the amount of \$1,056 (.25%). Supervisor Clinton asked if the base lowered. Mr. Lynch advised that the 3.5% is the cost-of-living increase, and the decrease from 1.5% to 1.25% was in the merit percentage of increase. He said that this change subsequently lowered the FY 2008/09 Proposed Budget to \$823,147.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Todey, to approve the recommendations of the Assessor's report.

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

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

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

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Halliburton, to set 6:30 p.m. on February 26, 2008, as the date of public hearing on the proposed FY 2008/09 City Assessor's budget.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2008/09 BUDGET FOR AMES CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE: Chairperson Campbell declared the hearing open. There being no one wishing to speak, the hearing was closed.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Todey, to adopt the FY 2008/09 Budget for the Ames City Assessor's Office.

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

Supervisor Clinton acknowledged that copies of a staff report dated September 27, 2005, regarding merging the City and County Assessors' offices had been placed around the dais. He said that he personally believes that the Conference Board should again look at merging the two offices. Chairperson Campbell pointed out that the vote had just been taken to reappoint Greg Lynch as the City Assessor for a period of six years. Mr. Clinton asked to go on record as recommending that the feasibility of a merger of the City and County Assessors' offices be revisited in five and one-half years.

Supervisor Halliburton suggested that a joint meeting of the Conference Boards from the City and the County be held in approximately one year for purposes of discussion and comparing information.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.