

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #5

Monday, February 17, 2025 7:00 pm
GF Clinic Specialty Center 3000 15th Ave So

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by co-chair, Howard Plouffe with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Howard Plouffe, Tom Kotynski, Eric Ray, Luella Vogel and 8 resident guests. Members absent: Dylan Lennox

MINUTES: The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion by Tom and second by Eric with one correction. Tax Billing Assistant, Sheri Keirn's last name was corrected from Pairn to Keirn.

NEW BUSINESS: Cascade County Treasurer, Diane Heikkila led a team of four State and County property tax employees in a presentation to inform the public regarding what they do. A handout was distributed explaining the total number of mills that can be levied each year is set by statute, with the exception of the weed mill. The Commission has discretion on how many mills are levied in each category. Categories include: The type of Mill, the Fund, Who pays and How the funds are used by each category. The Property Tax Assistance Program offers tax discounts to residents who qualify financially. Discounts are 30%, 50%, or 80% depending on disposable income. Savings accounts, investments, etc are not considered when qualifying. Applications are available from the MT Dept of Revenue. Other members of the presenting group were Katie Kakalecik (MT Department of Revenue), Paige Smith (Property Tax Supervisor), and Sheri Keirn (Assistant Property Tax Department).

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, March 17th at 7:00. Guest Speaker will be Municipal Judge Dunn.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 on a motion by Tom and second by Luella

Respectfully submitted,

Luella Vogel