

1 The Meeting of the Board of Review of the City of Onalaska was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on
2 Wednesday, May 25, 2016. It was noted that the meeting had been announced and a notice
3 posted at City Hall.
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5 Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mayor Joe Chilsen, Ald. Jim Binash,
6 Ald. Jim Bialecki, Ald. Bob Muth, City Clerk Cari Burmaster
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8 Also Present: City Attorney Sean O’Flaherty
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10 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from previous meeting – July 23, 2015**
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12 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to approve the minutes from the previous
13 meeting as printed and on file in the City Clerk’s Office.
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15 On voice vote, motion carried.
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17 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**
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19 **Item 3 – Select Chairperson**
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21 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to nominate and elect Ald. Jim Binash as Chair
22 of the Board of Review.
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24 On voice vote, motion carried.
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26 **Item 4 – Select Vice-Chairperson**
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28 Motion by Ald. Muth, second by Ald. Binash, to nominate and elect Ald. Jim Bialecki as Vice-
29 Chairperson of the Board of Review.
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31 On voice vote, motion carried.
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33 **Item 5 – Requests for waivers/testimony**
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- 35 a. Request for Waiver of the Board of Review hearing allowing the property owner an
36 appeal directly to circuit court
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38 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to approve a Request for Waiver of the Board of
39 Review hearing allowing the property owner an appeal directly to circuit court.
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41 Cari said the roll is not yet ready and that it is very unusual to have objections at this time. Cari

42 noted that one person had filed and said there were no objections or requests for waivers to move
43 to circuit court. Therefore, there are no items to address under Item 5a.

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45 Motion and second withdrawn.

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47 b. Request to testify by telephone or submit sworn written statement

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49 Cari said Ducks Limited, LLC has filed a request to testify by telephone rather than in person.
50 Cari noted that board members had been given a copy of the city's policy along with the request.
51 Cari said the basis for the request is that Ducks Limited, LLC is located in Mesa, Arizona. Cari
52 said the city's policy outlines why testimony by telephone would be allowed. Geographical area
53 is not considered one of the reasons the city utilizes.

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55 Mayor Chilsen noted that testimony via telephone or the internet has not been allowed during his
56 tenure.

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58 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to deny a request to testify by telephone or
59 submit sworn written statement.

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61 Ald. Binash noted the Board of Review denied a request to testify by telephone in 2015 on the
62 basis that board members are not able to cross-examine or see individuals in person.

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64 On voice vote, motion carried.

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66 **Item 6 – Adjournment to Thursday, July 14, 2016 – 9 a.m.**

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68 Motion by Mayor Chilsen, second by Ald. Bialecki, to adjourn the Board of Review to Thursday,
69 July 14, 2016 at 9 a.m.

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71 On voice vote, motion carried.

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74 Recorded by:

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76 Kirk Bey