

1 The Meeting of the Board of Review of the City of Onalaska was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on
2 Wednesday, August 10, 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 Assessor Heather Wolf, City Attorney Sean O’Flaherty
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10 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

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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 – Requests for waivers/testimony**

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21 a. Waivers of the required 48-hour notice of intent to file an objection when there is good
22 cause
23 b. Request for Waiver of the Board of Review hearing allowing the property owner an
24 appeal directly to circuit court
25 c. Request to testify by telephone or submit sworn written statement
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27 Cari said she has nothing on file for ‘a,’ ‘b’ or ‘c.’
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29 **Item 4 – Presentation of objections for actual real/personal property values by owners or**
30 **their representatives according to the procedures established in Sec. 70.47(8) of the**
31 **Wisconsin Statutes**

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33 Cari said she has distributed to the board a copy of an objection form discussed at the July 14
34 Board of Review meeting. Cari said the deadline was extended for the HOM Furniture property,
35 which is located at 9519 State Road 16. HOM Furniture requested to have its assessment
36 reduced from \$4,755,200 to \$4 million. Cari said Heather and Sean “had had some discussion
37 on this” and the board may decide whether to address HOM Furniture’s objection today or
38 schedule a hearing for September 6.

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40 Heather said she had reviewed the proposal and stated she concurs that \$4 million would be an
41 adequate assessed value for the property.

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43 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to change the assessment value of HOM
44 Furniture, otherwise known as MBACKK Onalaska LCC, 10301 Woodcrest Drive NW, Coon
45 Rapids, Minn., from \$4,755,200 to \$4 million.

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47 On roll call vote: Mayor Joe Chilsen – aye, Ald. Jim Binash – aye, Ald. Jim Bialecki – aye, Ald.
48 Bob Muth – aye, City Clerk Cari Burmaster – aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

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50 Cari said she will be sending this out today via certified mail and noted this case will be closed.

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52 **Item 5 – Create new hearing schedule for written objections filed but not heard**

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54 Cari said objections for the Petco property, located at 1231 Crossing Meadows Drive, and the
55 Shopko property, located at 9366 State Road 16, still are on file. Cari noted she has subpoenaed
56 documents for both and said they have been moved ahead for a scheduled hearing date of 9 a.m.
57 on Tuesday, September 6. Cari said both parties must submit documents requested by the city by
58 Monday, August 22. Cari said she believes both cases can be completed in one day.

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60 Mayor Chilsen asked if the starting time could be changed to 9:30 a.m.

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62 Cari said the subpoenas already have been sent and they list a starting time of 9 a.m.

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64 Mayor Chilsen, a Senior Lecturer in the Marketing Department at UW-La Crosse, noted it is his
65 first day of classes, but promised to be in attendance at 9 a.m.

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67 **Adjournment**

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69 Motion by Ald. Bialecki, second by Ald. Muth, to adjourn until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6.
70 The board adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

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72 On voice vote, motion carried.

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75 Recorded by:

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77 Kirk Bey