

Mercer City Meeting August 8, 2013

Mercer City meeting was called to order by Mayor Edward Schumann with council members Darren & Randy present. Several Mercer residents were also in attendance.

The minutes from the last meeting were read & approved with a motion by Randy & seconded by Darren. Motion carried.

Kathy Schon was recognized. She asked if there were any old photos of Mercer available, they are looking at putting a calendar together. Kathy also questioned if the city could possibly hire an engineer to handle such items as drainage in the city & property boundary disputes. She is also looking into starting petitions to stop any more storage units being built in the city, also no older trailer homes being brought in. There was mention of the city already having an ordinance for the trailers it will have to be looked into. Kathy was also going to contact the county about a petition for moving county road 33. It was also brought up about the city dumpster always being full, it was again suggested to move the dumpster so it wasn't readily available to anyone driving through town.

Marge Laib was recognized. She asked about the rezoning of property in town. If any of the property had ever been updated. As to anyone's knowledge it has not. There was also a question if the city had any ordinances on fireworks. The council felt there was no need for another ordinance; the city follows the state for firework regulations.

Allen Laib questioned the possible \$5.00 fee on the water bills. The council felt assessing the water bill would be a better option than putting an assessment on property taxes. It was explained that it would only be for the life of the loan, about 10 years. He also questioned how the trailer court billing for water was handled. It was explained that they pay a rate of a \$1.00 a day throughout their stay. There was also a question if were letters that were sent out to the residents with old & abandoned vehicles. Yes residents were notified that they had to clean up their property. The council is looking for advisement how to enforce the ordinance on junk.

Elaine Faudskar asked about the water. It was explained that yes the city uses chemicals to keep the water clean & all tests sent in have come back good. Darren suggested that a water softener would help. She also asked if anyone wanting to build in Mercer would have to get a permit. Yes that is correct.

A building permit for Stute's to move in a new modular home. Motion made by Darren, seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

A motion made by Randy to accept the Water Revenue Bond, seconded by Darren. Motion passed with roll call vote of 2 "aye" from Randy & Darren, no "Nays". Absent Joe & Steve.

The first reading of the Five dollar assessment Resolution was done with a motion made by Darren & seconded by Steve.

Darren had the paperwork for the sale of city property to Mike Murray. It will be signed & notarized & sent back to Mike.

Bills Initialed.

Meeting Adjourned.

JoLene Rust, Auditor

MEC \$65.87, WM \$680.62, FU Oil \$630.70, BHG \$41.71, Ottertail Power \$408.98, WM \$1275.24
Hardware Hank \$5.49, Makeeff Farms \$1236.25, Wagon Wheel \$98.28, State Auditor \$250.00
J Arthur's \$50.00, Ferguson Waterworks \$3512.31, Unlimited Excavating \$35092.50,
McLean Sheriff \$496.48, Bentz Supply \$57.85