

## **Mercer City Meeting**

### **April 10, 2014**

Mercer City tax equalization meeting was called to order by Mayor Edward Schumann. All council was present. Marlene Wardner was present as were several guests.

One resident wanted clarification on how his home assessment was doubled. Marlene explained the process & how everything was raised across the board. The state wants everyone equal within 90-100%.

Marlene also explained that when a home in town sells for more than it is valued that affects everyone's assessment for the next year. She advised the homeowner that he can file an abatement and if the city approves it then it will go before the county.

Tax Equalization meeting was adjourned.

The Mercer City meeting was called to order by Mayor Edward Schumann with all council present & several guests.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Darren and seconded by Steve.

Jim Murray was recognized. He wanted to know how much land the city owned from the center of the road. He will be filling dirt on his property and would like to know if the City would consider putting in a ditch to keep the water running to the south. Council agreed that would work the best otherwise the water would cause problems for other residents.

Kathy Schon was recognized. She wanted to update the council that she changed the water test sites. Also she has attended classes to get certified. There are new rules coming for testing the water system in the next year. Kathy also suggested that we contact West River and have them make up a new map for us that shows the new Fiber they put in. The auditor will contact them.

Financial were then studied and approved.

A motion made by Steve to accept a building permit for Al Toman, seconded by Darren. Motion passed.

A request from Tracy Schilling for Chester's Tavern for Sunday openings for the bar. A motion made by Randy to approve the Sunday openings from May 18 thru Nov. 16, plus Super bowl Sunday, seconded by Joe. Motion passed.

A request from Chester's Tavern to allow serving of food to under age people in the backroom of the bar. There was some concern on the time frame that people under 21 would be allowed in the bar. After some discussion it was decided that it would be up to the owners to decide what times they would allow minors in for food. A motion made by Darren to accept the request, seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

Resident John Murphy is inquiring about the allowance of possibly having chickens or milk goats on

his property. The council will look into what is allowed according to ordinances and check into if there is any state regulations. John would also like to put a fence across his property. It was decided he would have to have it surveyed to make sure exactly where the property lines are. There was some concern from council on a fence cutting across the road that enters his property for snow removal. The auditor will do some checking if there is a permanent easement for the road.

Darren had more information on the aerator for the lagoon. He will contact the gentleman to see if they will come out and inspect the lagoon and suggest what size the city could use.

There was discussion on the loader at the government surplus. It was decided to wait on it unless a bucket could be found for it.

No one was interested in attending the ND Insurance Reserve Fund annual meeting.

There was no objections on the water appropriation request from Knorr Farms.

Bills were initialed.

Meeting Adjourned.

**JoLene Rust, Auditor**

Next Meeting June 19 @ 8:00 PM

BHG \$67.66, MEC \$52.88, Ottertail Power \$699.30, WM \$1199.61, Master Fire & Safety \$54.00  
Hawkins \$56.48, Team Lab \$323.50, Main St. Market \$10.34, Rust Hardware \$16.97, Hach \$35.86  
Hawkins \$135.00, US Dept. of Treasury \$312.89