

Mercer City Meeting July 10, 2014

Mercer City meeting was called to order by Mayor Kathy Schon with all council present & two guests.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Steve seconded by Bryan.

The financials were studied and approved with a motion made by Randy & seconded by Steve.

Kathy had contacted the towns with the aerator with no response back. A contact from State water came up with some other options for the lagoon. No other discussion on the subject.

Kathy will contact Darren Murray regarding the city hall roof, to find out if the material has been ordered.

Jesse Schlichmayer was recognized. She informed council that she has bought property from Bryce Presser and was wondering what the procedure was to move his trailer out & a different one brought in. She was informed she would have to fill out a building permit and also provide pictures of the home being brought in. Council would then have to approve the moving permit.

Chet and Elaine Faudskar brought a contract for council approval to be able to pump the slough onto their land. Kathy and Lynn Obera from State Water have been working with them to come up with an agreement. Kathy read the agreement aloud. With some questions from council on the contract it was decided to wait & have State Water look it over before it was signed. There was also discussion on where to lay the pipe so it did not block Faudskar's driveway.

A motion to appoint Jolene Rust to continue as auditor was made by Bryan and seconded by Joe. Motion passed. The salary was also discussed. Joe made a motion to raise the Auditor salary to \$500.00 a month, seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

A request from Tracy Schilling owner of Chester's Tavern for a Special Event Permit to serve alcohol at the MCC on Sept. 20, 2014. A motion made by Bryan to allow the permit, seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

There was discussion on residents pumping their sump pumps into the sewer system instead of outside their home. It was mentioned that it was illegal to pump into the system. There was a motion made by Bryan and seconded by Randy to send a letter to all residents requesting their help in this matter since the town is already struggling with water issues. Motion passed. The auditor will get a letter put together and sent out.

It was decided to sell the road grater. The Auditor will check on the procedure for the city to be able sell a piece of equipment.

Joe brought up the need for some forks for the bobcat. He will get some pricing.

Kathy would like some help in cleaning out the well house & city shop. Steve will help with the well house & Joe will help with the city shop.

Bryan suggested a change in the city cleanup. Instead of a roll off, have residents put their stuff outside their own homes and have a truck come and pick it up. The auditor will check with WM to see if that is possible and what the cost would be.

Randy will contact Alan Helm about possibly being on retainer or sign a contract with the city for emergency jobs.

Bryan will be the contact for possibly getting a fire truck to flush out sewer lines.

Steve and Joe will go to Towner to check out a new pressure tank.

It was decided to keep the meeting hour at 7 pm.

Bills initialed.

Meeting adjourned.

JoLene Rust, Auditor

Ray Murray \$100.00, Ed's Service \$452.43, Jacob Rust \$80.00, McLean County Auditor \$53.75, FU Oil \$1367.76, ND Dept Health \$90.00, MEC \$56.38, Ottertail Power \$534.84, Hawkins \$326.52, Mercer Machine \$37.00, WM \$1286.45, Hardware Hank \$341.25, NDLC \$40.00, Marlene Wardner \$365.80, Ed's Service \$104.97, Wagon Wheel \$61.94,