

Mercer City Council Meeting September 11, 2014

The Mercer City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kathy Schon with all council present. The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved with a motion made by Steve and seconded by Bryan. The minutes from the special Mercer City council meeting that was held on August 25 were read and approved with a motion made by Randy and seconded by Bryan.

The financial report was approved with a motion made by Randy and seconded by Steve.

There were two bids received for the grader. Both were rejected by council. It was decided to advertise again until the October meeting.

Kathy reported that the city got a good report back from the inspection of the city dump ground. There should be a more adequate sign on the gate and the City needs to watch the water from the slough so it doesn't get too close to the waste.

Kathy contacted the DOT about road signs in the city, they could not help. She was told to contact the county.

Ulteig Engineering presented their proposal to become the engineers for the City. For \$200.00 a month they would come to all the meetings, and we would have unlimited phone calls to the staff for help. They could put together a construction Improvement plan for the City for estimated \$15000.00 which would break down to \$5000.00 per 5 year plan. The city would put everything on a priority list. They would help pursue funding for projects as needed. When a project is decided on and funding is found they charge by a rate structure or percentage. They would oversee all construction from start to finish. They offer specialized support for many needs. Mapping system, televised sewer system are available. The council agreed to look over their proposal and decide at a later date.

A motion to accept the notice of application for appropriation of water from Scott Sondrol was made by Randy, seconded by Bryan. Motion passed with 3 ayes and one nay. Kathy will do some more research on it to see if it affects the city water at all.

Kathy wants to check into the dues for the ND Association of Oil and Gas producing counties before a decision is made to pay them.

No one is interested in attending the ND State Water Commission meetings in September.

The letter from Faudskars withdrawing their offer to have water pumped onto their land was read.

Kathy is attending the NDLC convention in Minot.

Lloyd Westerlind has given permission of pumping water from the slough onto his land with a stipulation that a culvert be put in under his road to the airport. Also that the 15 mph sign be taken down. It would not be a permanent solution but it will help the situation right now, Alan will be contacted to dig in the culvert. The county is being contacted for help regarding speed limit signs within the city.

The October meeting will be changed to Wednesday the 8th at 7:00 pm.

Jason Meidinger wants to put an entry way on his home. It was decided no permit is needed.

A motion made by Steve to allow Jessie Schlichmayer's moving permit was seconded by Bryan. Motion passed with three ayes and one nay.

Joe brought the idea of changing the water rates and increasing the sewer rate. It was decided to table the issue for now. It was also discussed on changing the ordinances on what year of trailer houses to allow within the city. It was tabled for now.

Bills were initialed.

Meeting Adjourned.

JoLene Rust, Auditor

NDLC \$197.00, Hawkins \$264.27, Joe Jerkovich \$49.80, Rhonda Stradinger \$22.25,
Ottertail Power \$525.90, WM \$1453.35, FU Oil \$52.27, Hardware Hank \$76.00, BHG \$28.60,
Everson Excavating \$640.00, FU Insurance \$1114.00, Ed's Service \$421.06