

**Mercer City Council Meeting
April 16, 2015**

Those present Kathy Schon, Randy Zinke, Joe Jerkovich, Bryan Brewer, Ulteig – Mark Johnson and A.J. Tuck and auditor and assessor Marlene.

Randy made a motion to except tax equalization books with two taxable value changes for 2015 and Bryan second. Lucas and Amanda Presser was present to see what their taxes would be next year. Will check and let them know.

Bryan made a motion to approve minutes from last meeting and seconded by Randy.

Randy made a motion to except financial report and Joe seconded. Randy made a motion to pay all outstanding bills seconded by Joe.

Randy made motion to except Steve Mickelson's resignation and Bryan seconded. Council can appoint someone in 15 days to finish term.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kathy Schon stated that she became a certified water person after attending school in March. State was very happy; since there has not been a certified person since Gordon Schell was a council member.

Insurance has not been updated since 1987 so mayor is working on that update. Premium was waved last year but unsure about this year.

Stop signs need to be straightened. Will replace back door at city hall with doors donated from Lutheran Church. Bryan will install.

Jan's construction will install sink that Senior Citizens purchased for City Hall City hall. Thank-you to seniors for the donation!

Discussion on Improvement District: Council stated people don't understand that Ulteig only advises and gives or gets estimates if need be! Council still makes the decisions. Joe made a motion to retain Ulteig for another 18 months which would end December 2016 and Bryan seconded. But council can terminate Ulteig engineering firm at any time. Improvement District to be tabled until full council.

Waste Management; Joe made a motion to increase garbage rates and round to even number and Bryan seconded. Rates will go up with 5/20/15 payment. New rate will be \$23.00 per month for residents; and commercial rates will also change and notice will be sent to them. Rates have been higher for the last two years to what a resident pays.

Need to set a community clean up date. Waste Management will pick up at your curb side; the cost to city would be \$158.42 /hour plus \$45. /ton. When visiting with Paul, Public Sector Services, he thought it take about 4 hours in Mercer and maybe 6 ton.

It was stated that no one should be behind more than two months on paying utilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wondering who all has keys for city hall, pump house, etc.

Annual water report was posted for 2014.

City financial was sent in to the state to be audited.

Discussion on putting in a water meter at Fire Hall to keep better track of usage of treated water.

Randy made a motion to set up direct deposit at bank of Turtle Lake and Bryan seconded. Marlene will check with TL bank

Bond payment due the bank May 1, 2015 at an amount of \$3500.00 plus \$785.50.

Centennial has a CD that is coming due; decision to leave where it is at present time.

Lewis and Clark has a grant but we need to redo census in the city of Mercer to see if we are eligible.

Sewer Lagoon is in excellent condition 10' deep on east side and 8' deep on west and north.

Can remove garbage cans from Michael Neas property; property has been sold. Trailer court also only needs one garbage container.

Kerry Tesch would like a building permit for trailer court.

Reading of second ordinances.

Special Meeting May 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Bryan made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Joe.

Marlene Wardner

Auditor