

## **CITY OF MERCER MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

Council members present were Randy Zinke, Joe Jerkovich, Allan Laib, Kathy Schon, Bryan Brewer, and Marlene Wardner Auditor.

Allan made a motion to add old buildings/ vehicles and discussion on special assessments to agenda and Randy seconded. Motion carried.

Audience was asked if they had any questions. Jason Meidinger asked about property he bought from Rod and Tracy Schilling. County has no paper work that that parcel of land has been transferred.

Bryan made a motion a motion to except minutes from previous meeting and Randy seconded. Motion Carried.

Finances were discussed and would like a better clarification from county on conversion and severance tax that we receive should all of this go into the street fund or general fund. Council would also like auditor to check on \$454.10 taken out of general fund for city maintenance.

Discussion on special election and what it cost. The salary alone for people to sit on election board was \$720.00. Council would like what other expenses were incurred for this election. Auditor to bring that information to next meeting.

Allan made a motion to pay bills and Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Murray asked if city would put in a culvert for him since there is a water break in the same area. Council to check where he wants it placed. Jim also suggested that city put a new shut off closer to the street.

Randy made a motion to approve the budget for 2016 and Allan seconded motion. Motion carried. There will be a special hearing on October 5, 2015 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Mercer City Hall. We need to do a special meeting since budget needs to be sent to the county office by October 10, 2015.

Bryan made a motion to approve the special election of 30 voters. Top votes for Mayor was Kathern Schon with 24 votes and various other votes were for Randy Zinke and Ed Schumann of 4. Two were unable to be counted. Top votes for Councilperson was Joe Jerkovich with 19 and various other votes were for Tom Wagner, Kelly Murray, Leland Vossler, and Dusty Schlichting. Two were unable to be counted. Seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

Allan made a motion to approve the Certification of Special Assessments being sent to the county in the amount of \$30,000.00 for one year to add to taxes in December. Seconded by Randy and motion carried. A special hearing will be held on October 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to 8:00P.M. To listen to the community if there is any questions. County is receiving a list that has parcel number, lot description, name and amount. The standards committee decided on the amount of \$353.85 for full services and \$177.45 for one or no services or 50 of full service. If anyone is interested they can pay the city by November 1, 2015 and it will not go on their taxes. This will also be put in newspaper.

Will ask J.R. Kerzman from McLean County Sheriff's department to discuss police contract for next year.

City has been given the name of an attorney in Garrison concerning the main street project. Mayor and auditor visited with attorney that wrote the bond for main street project. There is still questions on this project and we will check back minutes.

Bryan made a motion to approve a line of credit for \$50,000.00 thru the American Bank in Underwood and Allan seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on TVing cost was approximately \$28,000.00 which was under what the main estimate was written.

Talked to a Financial Advisor and he asked what we need advise for like investing, etc. This was tabled for another time.

Bryan made a motion to pay registration fees and hotel expense for Marlene and Kathy to attend League of Cities yearly convention in Fargo. Seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

We will post special meeting for October 5, 2015 at city hall and community bulletin board. It is also going in local paper.

Discussion on old buildings/and vehicles in town. There is a procedure to go thru with city ordinances and health inspector.

Next meeting October 5, 2015 7:00 P.M. for special meeting.

Next regular meeting October 15, 2015 7:00 P.M.

Joe made a motion to adjourn meeting seconded by Bryan. Motion carried.

**Marlene Wardner, Auditor**