

City of Mercer Minutes April 19, 2018

Meeting called to order by Mayor Kathy Schon, with Council members Allan Laib and Amanda Presser present. AJ Tuck, Engineer, Lynn Oberg, MSRW, Ward Heidbreder, Quality water, and Marlene Wardner, Data Collector were also in attendance with Cathy Hill, Auditor.

Equalization meeting

Schon called on Wardner to give an update on her findings with the updating of the property file cards. She stated that there was a few properties that had increases. Also to get copies of building permits for putting up and tearing down structures and to send to the County, for proper assessments. She said that she can continue to be the data collector and that her fee is \$25.00 an hour and she has 60 hours in so far. Schon stated that she will talk to the Assessor in Washburn on the cost and decide later.

Wardner asked for approval of the 2017/2018 assessment record as of February 1, 2018. Presser made the motion and Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

City Meeting

The minutes were read and Presser made a motion to approve them and Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

Financials were reviewed and Presser made a motion to approve them and Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

Laib made a motion to approve the bills, Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business

Schon stated that the NDDOT needs approval by the Council for the Hwy 200 project that is going by Mercer. Presser made a motion and Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

Tuck was called on and he talked about the waterline easement agreement. There is Grant money from the Health Dept for the service line at the curb stop to 5 ft. from there house if the property owner would like to sign the easement. It has a 1 year warranty.

The City has abandoned its lease agreement to the old well. Need approval from the Council, Laib made a motion and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

We are still waiting for telemetry in the water building.

New Business

Schon brought up that a date had to be set for the Recall election. July 26, 2018 was the date selected. Laib made a motion and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Schon called on Rhonda Stradinger to talk about the MCC business. She stated that Tracy Schilling wanted off the board and that Becky Makeeff would like to be appointed. Presser made a motion to approve her and Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

She also stated that the Bingo money collected was now enough to do the roof on the MCC building. There is almost \$20,000 in that fund and with several bids was one for \$16,000 from Mercer Foam, right in Mercer, with a 10 year warranty. She asked for approval to do the roof. Laib made the motion and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Stradinger stated that they have received some grant money from the St Joseph Foundation for the sidewalk project and they have applied for more.

Schon stated that she would like to have a spring cleanup again and asked the audience if they were interested. They replied yes, so May 10th will be the date and she will be talking to Waste Management about the date and at later time in the morning than it was last year. Laib made a motion and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Tuck asked for a motion to pay Estimate #5 for Weisz and Sons for \$131,041.59. Presser made a motion to approve the pay estimate and Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

Bid opening was at 2:00 today for the water distribution project and RTS Shearing from Jamestown had the lowest bid. Tuck checked out their references and had good reviews. Tuck asked for a motion to be made to award the project to RTS Shearing pending the Health Dept and Rural Development approval. Motion was made by Presser and seconded by Laib. Motion carried.

Tuck also requested a motion to sign a contractual agreement for the project so we wouldn't have to wait for the next meeting. Laib made a motion and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Oberg stated that the Firemen still need to have their annual meeting. MSRW would like to come and talk about the project. Should be done in April and there is nothing set up as of yet.

Sewer project bid, the land with BNSF is still in limbo. But we are getting a 75 % grant again.

Schon stated that when the road work in town starts up that if the residents need something done, like culverts, etc., then they should let the City know.

Presser made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills Paid:

Checking
5/17/2018

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Amount
5/17/2018	10624	BHG Inc.		Print And Publish/...	-102.50
5/17/2018	10625	ND Dept Of Health		Water Testing/Water	-16.00
5/17/2018	10626	West River Telephone		Utilities (Business)...	-96.32
5/17/2018	10627	McLean Sheridan	Water Purchase	Water Expense/W...	-1,025.53
5/17/2018	10628	McLean Sheridan Rural Water	Monthly Fee for Billing	SPLIT	-128.00
5/17/2018	10629	Farmers Union Oil Co.		SPLIT	-695.00
5/17/2018	10630	Waste Management		Waste Manageme...	-1,018.82
5/17/2018	10631	US Post Office	Mercer box rent	SPLIT	-72.00
5/17/2018	10632	OtterTail Power Co.		SPLIT	-953.95
5/17/2018	10633	ND Dept Of Health		Water Testing/Water	-670.89
5/17/2018	10634	Rhonda Stradinger	Stamps	SPLIT	-13.50
5/17/2018	10635	Marlene Wardner		SPLIT	-1,567.00
5/17/2018	10636	Cathy Hill		SPLIT	-78.72
5/17/2018	10637	Bryan Brewer		Council Pay/general	-69.26
5/17/2018	10638	Cathy Hill		City Auditor/general	-461.75
5/17/2018	10639	Allan Laib		Council Pay/general	-69.26
5/17/2018	10640	Amanda Presser		Council Pay/general	-69.26
5/17/2018	10641	Kathern Schon		Mayor Pay/general	-138.52