

## City of Mercer Minutes

May 22, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Kathy Schon, with council members Allan Laib, Amanda Presser and Bryan Brewer present, also Marlene Wardner, Assessor. Lynn Oberg, McLean Sheridan Rural water, AJ Tuck, City engineer with Ulteig and Scott Wegner, Bond Counsel were also in attendance.

Laib made a motion to approve the minutes and Presser seconded. Motion carried.

### ***New Business***

Schon called on Wegner to tell us about SRF Bond Resolution. Approval from the State Fund, Resolution Reserve Bond for the loan has 120% coverage. The Reserve Fund payment, of \$3434.00 will be due Sept. 1, 2018. He stated that if extra is needed the City might have to use the Coal Tax money. The Loan Forgiveness program is \$1,693,000.00 with \$1,200,000.00 forgiven. \$493,000.00 is to be paid over 30 years with 1.5% interest. A motion was made by Presser and seconded by Brewer. Motion carried.

Katherin Volochenko was called upon and she reviewed, with the audience a different Water Service Agreement that she made up to try and replace the one we already had the Mercer residents sign. Discussion on the curb stop and service line placement were addressed and many questions were answered.

Schon called on Oberg, he talked about the water and quality of it and Ward Hiedbreder explained the testing and the Safe Water Act. Residents expressed chlorine smell and Heidbreder explained about the pipes being old and bleach being used to clean the sediment that has been built up over the years and the bleach releases that build up.

Wardner, Data Collector, talked about the newly done assessments and then talked about when she was the City Auditor and how everyone was all on board with the water project and wanted it to go forward, she couldn't believe all the uproar that is happening now.

### ***Old Business***

Water Easements was brought up by the Mayor and asked the council if they should do anything different and they all agreed that nothing should be done at this time. They said the ordinance will be reviewed at the next meeting and see about any changes at that time.

Schon stated that the Telemetry is in the water building and ready to go online.

The sewer project is still being worked out, Oberg stated that we are still trying to purchase the land from BNSF and he will make some calls on it.

Schon called on Tuck to explain the Change Order #2. Operational preferences is the change, we will receive credit for some returned items to do with a vented lid for poly processing. O & M cost \$9922.59.

Weisz has a completion date of July 31, 2018. Tuck asked for a motion to approve Change Order #2, Brewer made a motion and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Schon asked for a motion to approve Pay Estimate # 6 for Weisz Construction. Laib made a motion and Brewer seconded it. Motion carried. Tuck stated that the project for them was about 89% completed.

Next Schon asked for a motion to pay the Ulteig Invoice. Brewer made a motion to pay the Invoice and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Oberg stated that the billing through MSRW is going well.

Schon told the council about electronic bingo that Chesters would like a gaming permit for and needed a motion to approve a permit. Presser made the motion and Brewer seconded it. Motion carried.

Chester's would also like another regular bingo permit. Laib made a motion to approve the regular bingo permit and Brewer seconded it. Motion carried.

Schon brought up the police contract that was sent to us from McLean Co., \$4733.11 per year, \$394.44.00 monthly. Didn't say how many hours daily they would give us. Council decided to table it until January 2019.

Schon declared May 25th Poppy Day, wear your poppies and honor your Veterans.

Schon announced that the City wide rummage sale will be June 16, 2018. City will advertise, Presser made a motion and Brewer seconded it. Motion carried.

Presser made a motion to approve the finances and Brewer seconded it. Motion carried.

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

Schon stated that the Health Dept. was here the other day and did an inspection around town and said that everything was good except the signage at the lagoon, they need to be painted.

Mayor told everyone that the election was June 12th and that everyone should vote.

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

Next meeting June 21, 2018 at 7 pm.

**Cathy Hill**  
**Auditor**