

City of Mercer Minutes

June 21, 2018

Meeting called to order by Mayor Kathy Schon, with Council members Allan Laib and Amanda Presser and Bryan Brewer present. AJ Tuck, Engineer, Lynn Oberg, MSRW, were also in attendance with Cathy Hill, Auditor.

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

Presser looked over the agenda and made a motion to table the review of the ordinances about the water easements, Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

Schon stated that the Organizational meeting will be June 26th at 7:00 and that the new Mayor, Ron Schatz, will be installed and then he will give the Oath to the new councilmembers. Park meeting will be at 8:00 that evening.

Old Business

Schon stated that the car show and city wide rummage sale went good in spite of the rain.

Schon asked for a motion to approve the ordering of property cards for Marlene Wardner, Data Collector, to get all the properties listed correctly and up to date so she can turn them over to the County. Laib made a motion and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

An update was given by Schon about the purchase of the Railroad property, should know by July 16th. Tuck to find out if it is going to be bids, a dollar amount or appraised amount. It's a go.

Schon to send all the signed water easements with Tuck and he can scan them in and process them.

New Business

Schon told everyone that the contractors are hauling the dirt to the dump grounds and if anyone wants any, they can have it. Everyone agreed that was OK.

Schon asked for approval of a building permit, so she can tear down and rebuild at her property. Presser made a motion and Brewer seconded. Motion carried.

Tuck gave an update on the water building, Circle Control will do the programming, Tues. June 26th, they will disinfect and fill up the tanks, Weisz will be there and the building will go on line on Wed. the 27th, water will be off for 6-8 hours. Maybe have an open house after it's up and running.

Tuck was called on to talk about Change Order #1, talked a little about directional boring under some of Main Street so that we wouldn't have to disturb as much pavement. And that it made more sense to have Scherbenske do the meter pits instead of Weisz and Sons. Presser made a motion to approve Change Order #1, Brewer seconded it. Motion carried.

Tuck also to check out the price differences in the types of pipes used for the boring.

Schon brought up Pay Estimate #7 for Weisz and Sons to be approved, Tuck stated that they were at 98% of their contract. Brewer made a motion to approve and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Next Schon asked for approval for Pay Estimate #1 for Scherbenske Inc., for materials at \$391,534.25. Laib made a motion to approve and Brewer seconded it. Motion carried.

Schon asked Council for approval to pay the Bond Council professional services. Brewer made a motion and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

And Mayor Schon asked for approval for Ulteig Invoice to be paid. Laib made a motion and Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Oberg was called on and he talked about security at the water building. He said now that it is all new and there is expensive equipment in there that maybe the locks should be changed and only a couple keys given out. Everyone agreed.

The recent water outage was talked about and it was stated that Otter Tail Power was responsible for that, but once the tanks are full the power will not affect it anymore.

Councilwomen Amanda Presser was up next and she read a news report that was on a local station about small town, Benedict, water issues and how not having good infrastructure can really cause big troubles on these scarcely populated towns. And having a dependable water supply is so important, she stated how fortunate Mercer was that they were able to get all the grants and help that they could get.

Financials were reviewed and Presser made a motion and Brewer seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills to be paid were looked at, Brewer made a motion and Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

Schon brought up that she has had 2 dog complaints recently and the Mayor to be suggested that the Garrison Vet should be called to come and pick them up. An audience member asked if they could have an electric fence around their property and council said no.

Brewer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Cathy Hill, Auditor