

City of Mercer Minutes

October 18, 2018

Mayor Ron Schatz called the meeting to order with Council members Julie Wagner, Dennis Howard, Randy Zinke and Derek Fiedler, and Ashley Fiedler, Auditor. AJ Tuck, City engineer with Ulteig was also in attendance.

Minutes were read. Wagner makes motion to approve minutes, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.

Finances were reviewed. Zinke makes motion to approve, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed. Wagner makes motion to approve, Howard seconded. Motion carried.

Resident Jason Meidinger had two curb stops installed on his property, and didn't want them. He was never notified or asked to have them put in. Zinke makes motion to turn the curb stops off so resident wouldn't be charged, Wagner seconded it. Motion carried.

Auditor Fiedler did some looking into the options of direct pay. If the city would decide to do direct pay the residents wouldn't be able to use credit cards. There would be a fee to use the direct pay service. The cost for the direct payments is \$10 a batch and \$0.10 per item in the batch. If you had 30 participants it would be \$11.50. $(30 \times \$0.10) + \$10.00 = \$11.50$. We would like 30 residents to participate before we go ahead with the direct pay. Zinke makes motion to send surveys to residents, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried. Ashley will be sending out surveys to residents to see how many would like to participate in the direct pay option.

Mayor Ron Schatz talked with the guy who would like to purchase Jessie Schlichenmayer's property. He will be building a shop that would have a bathroom as well. As of right now he hasn't mentioned a living quarters being put in. He is interested in this property because it will have the water and sewer on the property. Fiedler makes motion to approve the building, Wagner seconded it. Zinke opposes. Motion carried.

Resident Robby Brewster would be willing to do snow removal for the city again this year. If board decides to go with him, he would like a list of residents who don't mind putting snow on their property. Kathrin Volochenko would help clean her street and others if needed.

Rhonda Stradinger would like to know the status of the insurance claim regarding the flooding in the Community Center. There were some tables that were not moved and sat in water for days and are now ruined. There is some concern with the tile in the bathroom that is starting to crack, will keep checking. There is no water connection in the basement bathrooms. The plumber will be coming to connect, just want to make sure city will be covering it.

Howard makes motion to approve building permit for Don Rutschke, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.

Don Rutschke would like to put up a building of cabins to rent out for hunters, also camping slots. Howard makes motion to approve, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

Howard makes motion to put the two residents with past due water bills on their taxes, Wagner seconded it. Motion carried

AJ with Ulteig presents change order #3 of \$17,611.30 for Weisz and Sons. The final balancing change order of over runs or underruns. This is not a payment, this is just to get the final contract written, to take everything to 100%. Howard makes motion to approve getting final contract written, Wagner seconded it. Zinke opposes. Motion carried.

Weisz and Sons payment # 8 of \$25,134.06. This payment will still be pulled from the SRF grant. Wagner makes motion to pay, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

Scherbenske pay estimate # 5 pay period from September 30th to yesterday (October 17th), progress payment. As of yesterday October 17th they have 11,331 feet of pipe in, plan quantity is 14,227 feet, so just under 3,000 feet of pipe left to do. Howard makes motion to approve, Wagner seconded it. Zinke opposes. Motion carried.

Need a resolution to authorize Ron Schatz Mayor to sign to draw for DWSRF funds. Zinke makes motion, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried

Brian Day helped make a rate study for the sewer project, Ulteig will be drawing up the plans. There will be Public input meeting on Thursday November 15th 6:30. Board would like public input on this project. Notice will be sent out to residents.

Resident Kathrin Volochenko would like to bring to the board that the auditor is not getting paid appropriately for the work she puts in. As of right now she is getting \$5 an hour, the board should look at doing \$15 an hour or \$1500 month.

Volochenko would like gravel and blading done to the alleys that have been torn up due to this construction, especially 2nd St and Rice.

Council member Randy Zinke stated the city shop needs diesel. Also, make sure the Community Center has propane.

Howard makes motion to adjourn meeting, Wagner seconded it. Motion carried.

Next City meeting November 15, 2018 at 7 pm.

Bills to Pay:

McLean Sheridan water - \$988.29

McLean Sheridan-Billing- \$128.47

Waste Management - \$1,249.11

WRT - \$176.44

Otter Tail -\$510.45

Northern Tax Quarterly - \$50.00

Rust's Hardware - \$183.29

ND Department of Health - \$16.00

Ulteig - \$20,376.00

Ulteig (Part of Decembers billing) - \$42,195.55

Tonya Wellington - \$784.50

Wyatt Wagner - \$20.00

Willa Murray - \$55.00

Department of Health Chemistry Lab - \$223.63