

## **City of Mercer Minutes**

### **September 10, 2019**

Mayor Ron Schatz called the meeting to order at 7 pm with Council members Julie Wagner, Randy Zinke, and Derek Fiedler. Also in attendance Ashley Fiedler, Auditor.

Councilmembers look over minutes. Derek Fiedler makes motion to approve minutes, Gary Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Finances were reviewed by council. Julie Wagner makes motion to approve finances, Randy Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed by council. Fiedler makes motion to pay bills, Wagner seconded it. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

Wagner talked with Turtle Lake Auditor about their ordinances and how they enforce it. The Auditor stated they take care of the issue and put the bill on their water bill. Our council sent our city ordinances to our city Judge to look over the ordinance's to make sure everything is adopted and correct.

#### **New Business:**

Chester's Tavern in Mercer would like to be open on Sundays. Zinke makes motion to approve them being open on Sunday's, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried

October Meeting will be on October 2, 2019 7 pm to go over Final Budget Hearing.

Tom Wagner and Darren Murray have received their easement for their properties that Lipp has been working on. They would like some changes to the wording in the easement. Also, requested they get some black dirt put back on their properties, as they are ponds now.

City engineer Tuck sent over a Change order 5 for Scherbenske. This change order is for balancing. The project came in under budget, it reduces the contract value by \$35,908.03. It's in the best interest of the city not to go after liquidated damages. Fiedler makes motion to approve change order, Wagner seconded it. Motion carried.

Scherbenske pay estimate 9 was brought to the board. There was some additional gravel needed, the asphalt paving at a resident. All retention released as the final punch list items were completed. Zinke makes motion to pay estimate 9, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

Fiedler makes a motion to approve Mayor Ron and auditor Ashley to sign all final papers, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Change order 1 for Weisz and Sons was presented. This change order removes 4 of the 5 areas of sewer main repairs. Reduces contract value by \$52,548. Fiedler makes motion to approve change order, Zinke seconded motion. Motion approved.

Pay estimate 1 for Weisz and Sons is for the pumps and control panel have been shipped and delivered. Volochenko approved pay estimate, Wagner seconded it. Motion carried.

Mayor Schatz received a quote for the sign on the City hall. For a 12 inch letters, stainless steel would be \$250. Fiedler makes motion to go ahead with sign, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Turtle Lake public library will be holding a poker tournament on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Chester's Tavern in Mercer. Zinke makes motion to approve game license, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

With winter around the corner city needs to decide how they want to handle removing snow on roads outside of city limits. The equipment is old and needs a lot of work and going out of city limits takes a toll and extra gas. Board members will contact township members and the county to see how this issue can be resolved.

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

#### Bills to Pay:

1. BHG - \$23.25
2. Farmer Union Insurance- \$1,141.00
3. Helm Excavating - \$13,000
4. McLean Sheridan (Billing) - \$227.30 (water)- \$1,696.99
5. ND Department of Health - \$32
6. North Dakota Department of Health - \$16.00
7. Ottetail -\$540.20
8. Rust's Hardware (MCC) - \$23.98
9. Walter Lipp - \$1,500 (USDA fund)
10. Waste Management - \$1,232.21
11. Willa Murray (Park) – \$82.50
12. WRT - \$176.92
13. Wyatt Wagner - \$80