

City of Mercer Minutes June 18, 2020

Mayor Ron Schatz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with Council members Gary Volochenko, Julie Wagner, Randy Zinke and Derek Fiedler. Also in attendance Ashley Fiedler, Auditor, AJ Tuck, Ulteig Engineer.

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

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

Bills were reviewed by Council Members. K & L Bobcat invoice was sent to Attorney Walter Lipp so he can turn it over to Scherbenske's to get paid. Volochenko makes motion to pay bills except for Scherbenske's invoice, and for K & L Bobcat. Zinke Seconded it. Roll Call vote: Fiedler-yes. Wagner-yes, Volochenko- yes, Zinke - yes. Motion carried.

CPA Harold Rotunda suggests the City take the \$10,000 sewer CD out and put back in sewer account. With the sewer payment that came out the account is getting low. Fiedler makes motion to take CD out and put in sewer account, Volochenko seconded it. Roll call vote: Fiedler- yes, Zinke- yes, Wagner-yes, and Volochenko-yes.

Old Business:

Water accounts are up to date for the month, besides the accounts that are months past due.

City council decides to keep the lawnmower for now.

Mayor Schatz talked with Haugen regarding DeAnn Jacobson bill. Haugen stated he doesn't believe the contractor, Scherbenske, crushed the line. Council agrees city is not liable for Haugen bill.

New Business:

City of Mercer will hold Organizational meeting on June 23, 2020 at 7PM, City Hall.

Waste Management notified the city that they are booking fall clean up days and would like to know if the City is interested in setting up a date. A rough estimate for curbside cleanup is \$1500. The cleanup date would be August 13, 2020. Council would like to know how much a dumpster would be instead of curbside. Auditor Fiedler will contact Waste Management to see what the difference would be.

Ulteig Engineer, AJ Tuck presented pay estimate 4 for Weisz & Sons for \$16,651.60, for the work at Park. Tuck stated we are still holding a 5% retainage of \$19,436.10 until project is completely finished. Fiedler makes motion to pay Weisz & Sons knowing they are good for the work, Wagner seconded it. Roll call vote: Wagner-yes, Fiedler-yes, Zinke- no, Volochenko-no, Mayor Schatz breaks tie with yes vote. Motion carried to pay Weisz & Sons.

Mayor Schatz wants all council members to be with on the walk through before the final papers are signed.

Council member Fiedler would like to bring up police contract again. Fiedler states something needs to be done with the mess around town and residents not following with ordinances. Volochenko states Home Rule Charter would be a better option for the town. However the City can't get enough residents to be on the committee. Council will keep thinking of options.

Council member Zinke would like to know why we didn't require an easement for McLean Sheridan to tie in on our pipe for their new water project. We paid for the pipe. At a previous meeting Lynn Oberg with McLean Sheridan stated, "They will be responsible for any breaks that are on that line".

Fiedler would like 701 dirt works give the City a quote on how much it would cost to have him come blade the roads.

Sewer lines need to be flushed. Council members will try to find a day that works to get them flushed.

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

Bills to Pay

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50

Derek Fiedler - \$69.26

Gary Volochenko - \$69.26

Julie Wagner - \$69.26

K & L Bobcat - \$5,695.30

McLean Sheridan Water

- (Billing) \$226.95
- (Water) \$1,079.06

ND Chemistry Lab- \$58.26

ND Department of Health - \$16

Otter Tail - \$1,106.11

Randy Zinke - \$69.26

Rhonda Stradinger (MCC) - \$50

Ron Schatz - \$138.52

Rust's Hardware (Plants) - \$82.35

Scherbenske - \$2,200

Stamps - \$110 (cc)

Waste Management - \$1,260.85

Willa Murray

- (Park) - \$112.50
- (lawn) - \$24.90 (Supplies)

WRT- \$176.43

Wyatt Wagner - \$40