

City of Mercer Minutes August 20, 2020

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

Councilmembers look over minutes for July meeting and for Preliminary 2021 Budget. Gary Volochenko makes motion to approve minutes, Derek Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

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

Bills were reviewed by Council Members. Zinke makes motion to pay bills, Fiedler seconded it. Roll call vote: Zinke –yes, Fiedler-yes, Volochenko-yes. Motion carried.

Paul Haugen from McClusky attended to discuss becoming Mercer’s City Judge. If he would become judge he would like to make sure city ordinances are up to date, would also need a copy of ordinances. He holds court every 3rd Monday of the month. Would need police contract to enforce ordinances. Council will table police contract till next year, and then look at city judge at that time as well.

Council members would like a contract in writing from McLean Sheridan Water, Lynn Oberg regarding them tying into the city’s main line for their new water project. Mayor Schatz will talk to City Attorney, Walter Lipp, regarding amending motion to approve McLean Sheridan tying into main water line, and possibly get an easement done.

Council member Fiedler talked with 701 Dirt works regarding laying gravel at a few properties in town and then blading those areas. It would be \$170 for the dump truck, or \$296 for the Semi, plus \$110 an hour for the blade. Council members will get together on a day go around town and see which streets are in need of the gravel and blading at this time, and have 701 do the work. After winter Council members will look at having all roads bladed.

Engineer, AJ Tuck, presented last invoice for Ulteig \$3,052.50, for work down on Lift Station. Zinke feels this is a decision that needs to be made with all councilmembers in attendance. Ken Thomsen was unable to attend, Ulteig bill will be tabled.

Auditor Fiedler, spoke with Scott from NDIRF, regarding DeAnn Jacobson’s claim for her basement. He stated he is still waiting for pictures of the damage, and quotes to have it fixed. Council decided to give Jacobson 30 days to provide Scott with the necessary information to move forward with claim, otherwise will consider not moving forward with the claim.

Tina Goven from Park Committee will be transferring \$15,000 from the general park account, to the Park’s savings account.

Fiedler makes motion to adjourn, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50

Bank of North Dakota - \$7,225.72 (principal and Interest- water)

BHG - \$108.44

Bobcat - \$1,635.44

Chester's (Park) - \$148.36

Derek Fiedler - \$69.26

Farmers Union Insurance - \$1,978

Ferguson Water works - \$333.68

Gary Volochenko - \$69.26

McLean Sheridan Water – Billing \$226.95

ND Department of Health - \$16

One Call - \$1.20

OtterTail - \$1,101.59

Randy Zinke - \$69.26

Ron Schatz - \$138.52

Signs (park) - \$464.50

Waste Management - \$1260.85

Willa Murray - \$105

WRT - \$177.85

Wyatt - \$80