City of Mercer Minutes
Special Meeting
October 5, 2020

Mayor Ron Schatz called the meeting to order at 6 pm with Council members Gary Volochenko, Derek Fiedler, and Ken Thomsen. Also in attendance Ashley Fiedler, Auditor.

Ken Thomsen makes motion to approve 2021 Budget for $33,035.08, Derek Fiedler seconded motion. Roll call vote: Fiedler – yes, Volochenko –yes, Thomsen yes. Motion carried.

The City of Mercer has a final bill for Ulteig, which is for the sewer project. Ranetta Starr, USDA Loan specialist, contacted the city and would like to get the sewer loan closed up, but we still have the bill for Ulteig that hasn't been approved. There is $9,431.16 left on the grant, and the bill for Ulteig is $3,052.50. Councilmember Gary Volochenko, doesn't feel the city should pay Ulteig anymore due to all the mistakes there has been with the projects. "The city has dished out a lot of money from mistakes that weren't caught from Ulteig", Volchenko stated. Fiedler and Thomsen, agreed there have been many mistakes and the City has paid extra due to those mistakes, but would like to just pay Ulteig and close out the loan. Thomsen makes motion to pay Ulteig bill, Fiedler seconded it. Roll Call Vote: Volochenko – No, Thomsen –yes, Fiedler- yes. Motion carried.

There will still be $6,378.66 left from the grant. If the city is able to take that $6,378.66 remaining money from the grant they will. Fiedler makes motion to take what is available from the grant and put in the sewer account, Thomsen seconded it. Roll Call: Thomsen – yes, Volochenko – yes, Fiedler – yes. Motion carried.

Park committee would like to hold a pancake and sausage fundraiser to raise money for new park equipment. They want to make sure the city is ok with it, and would like to hold it at the Mercer Community Center. More details to come. Volochenko makes motion to let park have their pancake and sausage fundraiser, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

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