

## City of Mercer Minutes

February 18, 2021

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

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

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

Bills were reviewed by council. Scherbenske bill is still present for \$2,200. Invoice was sent to Ulteig Engineering, and letter was sent to Scherbenske regarding invoice. After several months of debating invoice, as Scherbenske dug where Ulteig told them to, not where the city wanted, they will not take responsibility. After months of discussion and debating if we should find another lawyer to pursue this issue, board has decided we would pay more for lawyer fees than just paying the invoice. Ken Thomsen makes motion to approve bills, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Zinke- yes. Thomsen-yes, Fiedler-yes, Volochenko-yes.

### Old Business:

With water payments there were 2 letters sent regarding disconnection of services, as they are 60 days past due. Besides those users and the 5 residents that are already turned off, we are up to date.

### New Business:

Auditor Fiedler was notified from McLean Sheridan Rural water that there may be a leak in town, as the pump was constantly running. Auditor contacted Ward Heidbreder, from ND Rural Water systems, he came right to town and worked with Mayor Schatz and Council member Fiedler to locate the leak. The leak was a broken pipe at a resident's property, and was controlled.

Council member, Ken Thomsen, suggested we should look into credit card or debit card options for water payments. Council stated this brought up years prior and survey was sent to residents and there wasn't enough interest from residents. At this time council will table credit card, debit card options.

March City meeting will be changed to March 25, 2021 at 7pm, as not all members can attend regular date.

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

## **Bills to Pay**

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50

Bank of North Dakota

– (water revenue bonds) - \$1,750

BHG - \$154.47

Derek Fiedler - \$69.26

Farmer's Union Oil

– (MCC) - \$856.01

– (City) - \$1,051.79

Gary Volochenko - \$69.26

Ken Thomsen - \$69.26

McLean Sheridan Water

– Billing \$299.17

ND Department of Health - \$16

ND Rural water Systems Association

– Membership - \$130

Ottertail - \$1,345.90

Randy Zinke - \$69.26

Ron Schatz - \$138.52

Rust's Hardware

– (MCC) \$6.85

Scherbenske - \$2,200

Waste Management - \$1272.79

WRT - \$187.69