

City of Mercer Minutes

April 16, 2021

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

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

Finances were reviewed. Thomsen would like to know why there is expenses for city storage. Those expenses for city storage is for the lights. Thomsen also states the electric in the pump house electric is extremely high every month, possibly look at having a propane furnace put in. Thomsen makes motion to approve finances, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed by council. Volochenko would like to know why we had a late charge on water last month. Auditor stated our meeting was late so by time they received the payment it was late. Fiedler makes motion to pay bills, Thomsen seconded it. Roll Call vote: Thomsen- yes, Zinke-yes, Fiedler-yes, Volochenko-yes. Motion carried

Old Business:

Water payments are up to date.

New Business:

Council member Volochenko suggests we move our City meeting to the second Thursday of the month, that way we don't have to worry about anymore late charges. Volochenko makes motion to move meeting to second Thursday of the month, Thomsen seconded it. Motion carried.

City roads need some work this spring. Shoulders need to be pulled in, some gravel needs to be laid, about 7 loads. Volochenko went around the City to see which roads need gravel, he came up with about 3.12 miles of road around the city. Mayor Schatz will talk with Steve Lee for the county to see how much they will charge to do this work. Last year Fiedler received a quote from 701 Dirtworks for the work, but will check with them for an updated quote. Fiedler makes motion to blade roads and get 701 Dirtwork quote, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried

City of Mercer received a quote from the Drain Man for putting in sewer line that is needed for the future C-Store. Rod Schilling, C-Store owner stated they may possibly want to put in a car wash, so he'd like 8 inch pipes. Thomsen makes motion to approve Drain Man 8 inch quote, but not till construction starts, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Fiedler-yes, Zinke-yes, Thomsen-yes, Volochenko-yes.

Auditor Fiedler talked with Scott from NDIRF about filing a claim for sewer expenses, he stated lines are not covered in the policy. He suggested we file a claim and having it on file showing we've tried to run it through ours first before going after anyone. City at this time needs to decide if they want to pursue lawsuit for charges of poor work that has been done in town. Zinke will talk to Drain Man if he would write something up on the damage he found, and send the pictures he took.

City of Mercer received two building permits. One was for resident Lorenz, having a shed put on her property. Mr. Privatsky putting up a building on his property. Thomsen makes motion to approve building permits, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Harold Rotunda, CPA, sent audit, and forms for Mayor Schatz and Auditor Fiedler to sign. Volochenko makes motion to allow Mayor Schatz and Auditor Fiedler to sign necessary papers, Thomsen seconded it. Motion carried.

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

Bills to Pay

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50

Derek Fiedler - \$69.26

Gary Volochenko - \$69.26

Hardware Hank
– MCC \$25.98

Ken Thomsen - \$69.26

McLean Sheridan Rural Water
– Billing \$227.72
– Water \$821.33

ND Department of Health - \$16

Ottertail - \$1,034.98

OtterTail - \$1,085.72

Randy Zinke - \$69.26

Ron Schatz - \$138.52

Waste Management - \$1,272.79

West River - \$187.84