

City of Mercer Minutes May 13, 2021

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

Councilmembers look over minutes. Ken Thomsen makes motion to approve Tax Equalization meeting and March Minutes, Gary Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

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

Bills were reviewed by council. Council is concerned about cleaning expenses for MCC. Auditor talked with Rhonda Stradinger and she was going to talk with cleaning lady about the hours. Fiedler makes motion to pay bills, Volochenko seconded motion. Roll call: Fiedler-yes, Zinke-yes, Volochenko-yes, Thomsen-yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Water payments so far are good, still early but good.

New Business:

Thomsen makes motion to have Wyatt Wagner continue mowing city lawn at \$20 an hour, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

Washburn American Legion is requesting gaming permit for Chester's. Volochenko makes motion to approve gaming, Thomsen seconded it. Motion carried.

Mclean Sheridan is updating their software for their billing program and Ann is wondering if the city would like to keep using the RVS program she has been for our billing since we don't have many residents, or if we would like to change the program to Black Mountain. If Mercer continues to stay with current program it would be around \$1,000 a year for applicable fees. If City changes to Black Mountain we could be looking at a few thousand dollars a month. Thomsen makes motion to stay with RVS program, city will be responsible for fees, and Zinke seconded it. Motion called.

Council member Zinke talked with Scott from NDIRF regarding claim filed for sewer line damage on Max Street, and last thing Scott stated he was going to come to town and look at damage. City hasn't heard anything from him.

Council members decide to have 701 Dirt works blade the roads in town, once we get some moisture.

Ken Thomsen talked with Tracy Schilling and they will not be building the C-store at this time.

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

Bills to Pay:

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50

OtterTail - \$998.59

BHG- \$226.76

Randy Zinke - \$69.26

Derek Fiedler - \$69.26

Ron Schatz - \$138.52

Farmers Union – (MCC) \$814.38

Rust's Hardware - \$56.94(MCC)

Gary Volochenko - \$69.26

Tonya Wellington - \$292.50(MCC cleaning)

Ken Thomsen - \$69.26

Walter Lipp - \$150

McLean Sheridan Rural Water

Waste Management - \$1,272.79

(Billing) \$227.36

WRT - \$187.84

(Water) \$759.65