

City of Mercer Minutes December 9, 2021

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

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

Finances were reviewed. Council member Ken Thomsen would like to put centennial money in a CD. Tina with Bravera Bank will get us information for next meeting. Thomsen makes motion to approve finances, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed by council. Fiedler makes motion to approve bills, Thomsen seconded it. Roll Call: Fiedler-yes, Thomsen- Yes, Volochenko - Yes. Motion carried.

Andy from KLJ, who is helping park committee with new park equipment is present to help open Bids, and to award bid. It's a base bid, with alternate bids, with 3 addenda, to clarify products, to improve system.

Safety First Playground out of Princeton Minnesota - \$ 98,827.60; alternates \$27,132.40

My Place Play systems out of West Fargo - \$78,750; Alternates \$37,925

Dakota Playground out of Bismarck - \$71,311; Alternates \$22,923

Old Business:

Water payments are doing well for the month.

Thomsen makes motion to make online processing an option with Bravera Bank, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

After last meeting where Waste Management was here to discuss our contract, representative Paul contacted mayor stating 5 year contract would be better. Board tables decision till full board.

New Business:

City is unable to contact previous CPA, Harold Rotunda, and is looking for new CPA for city audits.

City doesn't have any NSF or return check policies. Thomsen would like to make motion on a return check policy, charge \$25 and resident is unable to write a check for a year, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

Fiedler makes motion to approve Joint powers Agreement for election, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Water loss is going up, board will keep on it.

Park Bid:

Lowest bidder made mistake; Dakota Playground's actual bid \$71,266

Dakota Play Ground is lowest bidder, base bid and for alternates which equals \$94,189.

Play Ground fund with all donations and grants equals \$108,781.

Fiedler makes motion to award low bid, base bid, and all alternates to low bidder Dakota Playground for \$94,189, Thomsen Seconded it. Roll call – Fiedler – yes, Thomsen – yes, Volochenko – yes. Motion carried.

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

Bills to Pay:

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50

ND Health - \$16

BHG (Park) - \$246

Ottertail - \$638.23

BND (Water payment) - \$15,684.99

RDO -\$710.50

Derek Fiedler - \$69.26

Ron – \$101.30

Gary Volochenko - \$69.26

Ron Schatz - \$138.52

Ken Thomsen - \$69.26

Rust's Hardware Hank (MCC) - \$60.77

Lloyd Westerlind (land) - \$120

Stamps - \$58

McLean Sheridan Water

Waste Management - \$1,292.31

– (Billing) \$230.80

WRT - \$187.40

– (Water) \$925.79