

## **City of Mercer Minutes May 16, 2022**

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

Council members look over minutes. Thomsen makes motion to approve tax equalization and April meeting minutes, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Finances were reviewed. Thomsen would like to know why garbage is in the red and behind. Auditor stated there is a few residents who don't pay every month so it doesn't equal out, also the early meeting dates make a difference. Volochenko makes motion to approve finances, Thomsen seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed. Thomsen Makes motion to approve bills, Privratsky seconded it. Roll call: Volochenko – yes, Jim – yes, Thomsen – yes, Zinke – yes. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

Water payments are good so far for the month.

Water loss for the month of April was 31%.

Board would like lawyer from Solem Law Office to send a letter to Scherbenkse about issues the City is having since the project. Jim makes motion, Randy Seconded it. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Board would like to know who is going to mow all the properties in town that aren't being done. Such as David Presser (school), John Brewster, and possibly Jason Meidinger's. Thomsen makes motion to charge residents \$40 an hour for clean-up and mowing, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried. Letter's will be sent to those residents giving 30 days to get property cleaned, and mowed, if not taken care of City officials will be mowing and cleaning up properties and charging \$40 an hour at residents cost. If not kept up Board will continue to take care of properties at resident's cost.

Resident Todd Vossler notified Auditor, Fiedler, he will be in town at the end of the month and he possibly has a buyer for his property so he doesn't want to burn falling barn at this time. He will notify City when he gets it figured out.

Jim makes motion to approve Chester's application for gaming, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Jim makes motion to approve Our Saviors event permit, Thomsen seconded it. Motion carried.

Board would like a letter sent to Washburn American Legion and request some of the gaming money to help pay for lawn mower.

Board would like to fill out grant form to look for new equipment.

Gates at tree dump need to be replaced. Thomsen makes motion to get new gates for tree dump, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.

Roads need to be bladed and some need to have gravel put down. Board will get a list of what roads need to be done and go forward. Thomsen makes motion, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

June meeting will be held June 16, 2022 7PM.

Volochenko makes motion to adjourn, Jim seconded it. Motion carried.

**Bills to Pay:**

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50

Derek Fiedler - \$138.52

ED's - \$40

Gary Volochenko - \$69.26

Haugen's Drain - \$550

Jim Privratsky - \$69.26

Ken Thomsen - \$60.43

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McLean Sheridan Water

- \$850.91(Water)

- \$228.86 (Billing)

ND Department of Health - \$16

NorDak - \$72.98

Otter Tail - \$1,049.55

Randy Zinke

- \$34.36 (Lagoon supplies)

- \$105.43 (New phone from lagoon work)

Randy Zinke - \$69.26

Rust's Hardware

- \$46.95(Park)

- \$4.48 (MCC)

Tonya Wellington - \$202.50 (MCC)

Waste Management - \$2600.11

WRT - \$186.86