

# **City of Mercer Council Minutes**

September 12, 2024

Mayor Lori Stute called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance with council members Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, Randy Zinke and Tonya Wellington-Auditor all present.

Lori Stute went through the minutes from August 8, 2024. Erika Lorenz made the motion to approve the minutes with changes made and Randy Zinke seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion carried.

## **Financials Report**

Randy Zinke made the motion to approve the Financial Report and Barb Stute seconded. Barb Stute, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Gary Volochenko voted No. Motion carried.

## **Bills**

Erika Lorenz made the motion to approve the bills for the month and Gary Volochenko seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion carried.

## **Water Bills**

Tonya Wellington will send 30 days past due letters to accounts 11, 28, 51 and 59 if not paid by September 15, 2024.

## **Park Minutes**

Erika Lorenz stated that the Mercer City Park Committee has not met this month.

## **Old Business**

Lori Stute stated the final annual budget is due on October 10, 2024. Randy Zinke made the motion to approve the budget and Erika Lorenz seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

Lori Stute stated that the City of Mercer needs to turn in request to the Turtle Lake American Legion for gaming money for new flooring. Lori Stute stated she is waiting on estimate for new flooring for the city hall. Randy Zinke stated city hall needs electricity, gutters, new lighting, and replacement of three windows on the back of city hall building. Lori Stute will have estimates for the new carpet, lighting, and for the three windows before the next meeting on October 10, 2024.

Lori Stute stated that the new GovCard program is ready for residents to use for electronic payments. The City of Mercer will be sending out a letter to residents informing them on how to pay water bills online.

Lori Stute stated she has an estimate for replacing the electrical in city hall and for new gutters. The electricity would cover a new electrical box, updated wiring with more plug ins added. The estimated cost for new electrical is \$6,200.00 and new gutters around the city hall building is \$1,100. Randy Zinke made the motion to approve the updating the electrical and gutters for Mercer City Hall and Barb Stute seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted aye. Motion carried.

Lori Stute stated that the city has investigated leasing a tractor for eight months for the City of Mercer. Randy Zinke stated that the city tractor we have now is worn out and he investigated leasing a tractor for the snow removal. The cost is \$6,753.00 through RDO out of Harvey N.D. Gary Volochenko made the motion to approve leasing for eight months at \$6,753.00 and Barb Stute seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion carried.

Randy Zinke stated that we should list the 1955 Oliver tractor on Bismarck for sale at \$2,499.00. Randy made the motion to sell the 1955 Oliver tractor and Erika Lorenz seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion carried.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Barb Stute made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Erika Lorenz seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion carried.

Next City of Mercer meeting is October 10, 2024, at 7:00 pm.