

City of Mercer Minutes

October 10, 2024

Mayor Lori Stute called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lori Stute went through the minutes from September 12, 2024. Randy Zinke made the motion to approve the minutes with correction made and Barb Stute seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Financials

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

Bills

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

Water Bills

Tonya Wellington Auditor will send out letters after October 15, 2024, to residents that are 30 days past due.

Park Minutes

Erika Lorenz stated they will be meeting next Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Old Business

Lori Stute stated that the Olive city tractor has sold for \$2,500.00.

New Business

Quick attachment to tractor for Snow Removal

Randy Zinke made the motion to get the new quick attach for the tractor for snow removal and Barb Stute seconded. Barb Stute, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Gary Volochenko voted no. Motion carried.

Liquor License for Chester's Bar for 2025

Erika Lorenz made the motion to approve the liquor license for Chester's Bar at the current rate of \$500.00 and Randy Zinke seconded. Erika Lorenz and Randy Zinke voted Aye. Barb Stute and Gary Volochenko voted no. Mayor Lori Stute voted Aye. Motion carried.

League of Cities Conference

Erika Lorenz stated that the League of cities conference had many good sessions this year. Erika Lorenz stated they had 3 or 4 presentations going on at one time. All of them are located on the League of Cities website under the agenda for the conference. Erika Lorenz stated the open meetings were good and there were several on grant funding. There was a lot of discussion on Measure 4 on how that would affect schools, fire departments and police departments. Next year the League of Cities Conference will be held in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Garbage Bids

Lori Stute stated that we received bids from Circle Sanitation, Eco Sanitation, M & M Sanitation and Waste Management. Lori Stute handed out a form from each company to every member of the city board. Randy Zinke made the motion for a 3-year contract with Waste Management and Barb Stute second. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mercer Community Center

Lori Stute stated at the last city meeting we had talked about transferring funds from their savings to their general account to get them out of the red. Randy Zinke made the motion to transfer \$3,000.00 out of Mercer Community Center savings account to their general account and Erika Lorenz seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mercer Community Center Testing

Lori Stute stated there needs to be an environmental test done such as the Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) before anything can be done at the Mercer Community Center. This test will cover all containments such as mercury, asbestos and all lead paint. They can also evaluate the soil to make sure there is no ground contamination. We can look at the different funding available. Erika Lorenz stated that she was informed that there is no path forward without the ESA. We can apply to have this done with the Department of Environmental Quality. There should be no cost to the city if the funds are available. If there is no funding available, the city would go on a wait list till there is funding available. The cost is \$25,000.00 and it would take 4 to 5 months for this process and the contractor is picked by the EPA. Randy Zinke made the motion to fill out application to get funding for ESA test not to apply for ESA test and Barb Stute seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn Meeting

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