

## **Mercer City Meeting July 18, 2013**

Mercer City meeting was called to order by Mayor Edward Schumann w/ council members Joe, Steve, & Darren present & two guests.

The minutes from the June meeting were read & accepted with a motion made by Joe & seconded by Steve.

Mike Murray was recognized. He would like to buy the west 52 feet of lots 3, 4 & 5 from the city. With some discussion it was agreed upon to sell the 52 feet of all three lots for \$200.00 each. A motion made by Steve, seconded by Darren. Motion passed.

Allen Laib was recognized. He had concerns about his water. It was agreed that the lines needed to be flushed. The east side of town had been done but not the west yet. Darren agreed to get it done on Friday morning. Allen still had concerns about the vehicles being stored on the property behind him. Council decided to send another notice to the owner, as was the first correspondents had been in the winter which made it harder to deal with. There was also mention of the city not allowing any more storage units to be built within the city limits. Joe agreed that there should not be any more units or trailer houses allowed. There was no more discussion on the topic since there are no permits outstanding.

A motion was made to pay the dues for the NDLC for 2014 @ \$197.00 by Joe, seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

The 2014 police contract was tabled.

There was discussion on the bill for the main street water project. The total bill was \$70092.50 from Unlimited Excavating, with an \$8460.00 bill to Ferguson waterworks for parts. The auditor contacted both North Country Bank & Dougherty & Co. about financing. The lawyer for Doughty will draw up the paperwork needed to borrow from the bank if the loan is approved. It was also discussed if the city could assess \$5-\$10 fee on residents water bills till the loan is paid. Jolene will ask the lawyer if that is possible.

The State Fire & Tornado Insurance is due. A motion made by Darren & seconded by Joe to pay the premium. Motion passed.

The backhoe in Bismarck was discussed again. It was agreed that whoever from council had time to make an offer on it.

The council discussed ordinances that would require basic utilities in a home before it is occupied. Topic was tabled.

Joe feels the city should look into pursuing getting County road 33 bypass downtown completely. That would have to be taken up with the county commission.

Bills initialed.

Meeting Adjourned.

***JoLene Rust, Auditor***

Unlimited Excavating \$35000.00, Mercer Machine \$75.00, Hawkins \$87.00, D&J Bulk \$62.20, ND Dept. of Health \$11.77, JoLene Rust \$108.46, BHG \$27.22, Ottertail Power \$467.14, Hardware Hank \$35.24, WM \$1275.24, ND Dept. of Health \$96.00, WM \$574.52, FU Oil \$664.02, MEC \$56.18, Ferguson \$5000.00, Pam Lill \$100.00, Marge Laib \$112.30, ND Insurance \$143.53, Ed's Service 4181.30, US Treasury \$311.71