

Mercer City Meeting Sept 12 2013

The Mercer City meeting was called to order by Mayor Edward Schumann with all council present & guests.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as read with a motion made by Darren & seconded by Randy.

Financials were studied & approved.

Jamie Meidinger was recognized. She wanted to let council know that they had signed up for direct deposit to pay the water bill & suggested that the city offer an incentive to residents to sign up. It would help keep people from falling behind on their water bills. The auditor will do some checking into it.

Ron Schatz was recognized. He was wondering on how the city was going to pay for the waterline work done this summer. It was explained that the council was going to assess a \$5.00 fee onto the water bills. Allen Laib complained that billing just the people whose water is hooked up is not fair. Kathy Schon suggested that the assessment be put on the property taxes instead, since everyone benefits. Council agreed that would be a better option. The auditor will contact the County Auditor about the process to put a special assessment on the taxes. Ron also felt the paving company did a good job on main street.

Marge Laib was recognized. She was wondering what the lawyer had to say about the city enforcing the ordinance on cleaning up of old vehicles & junk. She read a piece on how Wilton was dealing with the enforcing of their clean up. It was explained that the Sheriff Dept will have to be contacted to take photos as proof & then the Health Dept will have to be contacted before another letter is sent. There was discussion on whose property needs to be cleaned up & the fact that everyone with junk vehicles will be included.

Kathy Schon had talked to the county about the maps of the city needing updating. The city would need to be surveyed. She volunteered to contact the surveyor to get an estimate.

The police contract for 2014 was discussed. There was a motion made by Randy to accept the contract, seconded by Joe. Motion failed with roll call vote of 3 Nays & one Aye. There will be no contract with the county for law enforcement.

A motion to pay dues to the ND Association of Oil & Gas producing counties was made by Darren, seconded by Joe. Motion passed.

The 2014 budget was studied. With no adjustments made a motion to accept the budget was made by Joe, seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

The second reading of the water resolution was done. Motion to accept made by Darren,

seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

Joe mentioned that Bryan Brewer would be willing to help the city out with any work needing to be done. He has the knowledge to run most of the equipment. Joe also mentioned that all city maps with water lines & such be kept at the city hall with copies kept at the well house & at Ed's. In the event of an emergency others could get to them.

Ed mentioned that sewer lines will need to be flushed in October, possibly around the 12th.

Bills were initialed.

Meeting Adjourned.

JoLene Rust, Auditor

Hawkins \$79.82, Hardware Hank \$52.50, WM \$1275.24, Ottertail Power \$428.16
Arntson Stewart Wegner PC \$750.00, BHG \$104.95, FU Oil \$447.99, Wagon Wheel \$90.00
MEC \$65.57, JoLene Rust \$76.06, Miller Excavating \$750.00, FU Insurance \$979.00
Chester's \$33.50