

Mercer City Meeting
October 16, 2013

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

The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted with a motion made by Steve, seconded by Randy.

The financials were studied & approved.

Amanda Presser was recognized. She wanted to address the special occasion permit for the Borner/Wacker wedding. Amanda found it difficult to work with Al Toman from Chester's Tavern during her own wedding. There were several issues that they disagreed on. She wanted council to know before they made a decision on allowing another establishment come in & serve. Council suggested that she put a list together of the grievances & they would look into it next meeting. It was also suggested that Caitlyn have a contract made up with whoever serves at the wedding. Topic was tabled until the next meeting.

There was discussion on putting a special on the property taxes to help pay for the water revenue bond. It would be for the 2014 taxes. It will cost the city a couple of thousand dollars more to have the special assessment done. There was a motion made by Randy to put together a special committee, seconded by Darren. Also council would like a more definite number on the cost. It was suggested that if it will cost the city more than \$3000.00 that it would not be done. Suggestions for the committee was Allen Laib, Willa Murray, & Kathy Schon. JoLene will contact them & also the lawyer to see where to start. In the meantime the \$5.00 fee on water bills will go into effect.

There was discussion on the cleanup of the city. The council seems to be getting two different opinions on how to deal with the issue. The Sheriff Dept. has said we need a judge's order to be able to enforce since all the vehicles are on private property. Randy had talked to Don Coy who helped with Turtle Lake & he felt that it was not necessary to have the Health Dept & Sheriff Dept involved. The auditor received a copy of Turtle Lake's ordinance to see how they have it written to be able to enforce theirs. JoLene will contact Helen Wittrup, who is TL city judge to see if she would at least look at our ordinances to what kind of enforcement can be done.

Motion made by Randy to hire Kathy Schon as the new water maintenance person, seconded by Joe. Motion passed. She will start in November. JoLene will contact Rural Water to see about getting her trained & certified.

Brian Brewer will be contacted about being city maintenance.

The 3rd reading of the water resolution was done. A motion made to accept was made by Joe, seconded by Steve. Roll call vote was done with all voting Aye. The fee will go into effect with the November water bills due in December. The Auditor will send out letters to all the residents stating when the fee goes into effect & offer them the chance to pay the \$60 all at once. Also the snowbirds are not exempt. They must pay the \$5.00 even if their water is turned off for the winter.

Jolene was asked to contact WM about the different fuel charges on the billing.

Time change for the meetings during the winter months will be 7 pm.

Bills initialed.

Meeting Adorned.

JoLene Rust, Auditor

Rust's Hardware \$171.19, NDLC \$197.00, WM \$1296.19, MEC \$52.28, Hawkins \$86.85,
Ottetail \$425.19, US Treasury \$311.71, Sheriff \$496.48, FU Oil \$1807.00, K & D \$204.00