

Mercer City Council Special Meeting September 30, 2014

The Mercer City special meeting was called to order by Mayor Kathy Schon with all council present. Also present were Mark Johnson and AJ Tuck from Ulteig engineering and members of the community.

The purpose of the meeting was for a decision on hiring Ulteig engineering. A city cannot get grant money without having an engineering group on hand. Mark informed the council that they are there for informational help and to guide the council in whatever projects they deemed necessary. There is two phases in the contract with them. The contract that is being discussed is hiring them for \$200 a month. This does not include the Capital Improvement Plan. Ulteig would be available for any technical help as well as attending every meeting. They can give options to problems and assist with any questions.

There was discussion on what the city can afford to do. The main idea is to be able to fix one thing at a time as the city can get grants for then move on to what else is necessary. The auditor needs to look into Home Rule Charter as a way for the city to have more control over taxes.

A motion made by Bryan to hire Ulteig was seconded by Joe. Motion passed.

A motion made by Steve to change the city council meetings to every third Thursday so Ulteig would be available to attend was seconded by Randy. Motion passed.

A motion for the change to take effect with the October meeting was made by Randy, seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

JoLene Rust, Auditor