

## City of Mercer Minutes

August 20, 2015

Council members present were Randy Zinke, Joe Jerkovich, Allan Laib, Kathy Schon, A. J. Tuck, Mark Johnson and Marlene Wardner auditor.

Allan made a motion to except additional subjects to agenda; seconded by Joe and motion passed.

Asked if public had anything to ask or share. No one in audience had a question. Minutes were read by auditor. Randy made a motion to except with the correction of changing standards committee to assessment committee and Joe seconded. Motion passed.

Allan made a motion to except financial report and seconded by Randy. Motion passed. Engineer also advised we check into at getting a financial advisor.

Joe made a motion to pay outstanding bills and Allan seconded. Motion passed. Randy made a motion to authorize a temporary liquor license to Chester's Bar for a wedding November 14, 2015 at Mercer Community Center and Allan seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion on late bills and if anyone is behind two months they are to be notified and in 10 days their water will be shut off if full payment is not made. Effective in July there will be a \$20.00 late accessed.

Discussion on main street bond there was a resolution August 20, 2013 when bond was established but there was nothing recorded in city minutes why this project had to be done. Will check with lawyer Scott Weigner, who drew up bond, or we can check with States Attorney if we have further questions.

Lewis and Clark grant was denied for handicap bathrooms at city hall.

Still waiting on finding a person to do a commercial proposal for Cash Wise at starting a grocery store! But at the moment we have other things to get done.

Joe made a motion to let Don Rutschke move a crumbled slab of cement (2' x 6') along the slough and Allan seconded. Motion carried.

Auditor and mayor are asked to check with Bank of Turtle Lake about establishing a line of credit and interest rates. Bank in Underwood/McClusky is just waiting to hear from Rural Development concerning the grant and loan options. Another option is to check with BNC, Craig Hanson, in Bismarck.

Checking with Ulteig on invoices.

Council would like an on call service ad to run in the X-tra newspaper for 3 weeks. They will need to be bonded and insured.

Results from soil borings did not find anything unusual and everything was good for the placement of a lift station.

Permission was given to start the process to get condemnation easement proceedings going down east side of quarter line 6 feet deep for approximately 6,150 feet.

Water meters have been deferred until a later date.

Mayor to check with Home Rule about sales tax.

Randy made a motion to table Water System Design until next month. Seconded by Allan. Motion Carried.

Joe made a motion to do block survey - platted within city limits - and have auditor and mayor sign work order. Seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

Allan made motion to adjourn and seconded by Randy. Motion carried.

Next meeting September 17, 2015.

**Marlene Wardner, Auditor**