

City of Mercer Minutes
July 19, 2018

Meeting called to order by Mayor Ron Schatz, with Council members Allan Laib, Derek Fiedler, Amanda Presser and Dennis Howard present. AJ Tuck - Engineer, Lynn Oberg – MSRW, were also in attendance with Ashley Fiedler – Auditor.

The minutes were read. Council member Amanda Presser asked when the new locks will be put on the water building. Lynn Oberg suggested we wait till all the work is done in the water building as contractors are still going in and out.

Mayor Schatz Swore in Derek Fiedler and Dennis Howard as new Council members. The new Council member signed their oaths and Lynn Oberg notarized them.

Presser makes a motion to approve the June 21st minutes, Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

Organizational Special meeting minutes were read, Fiedler made a motion to approve, Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

No old business.

Mayor Schatz asked for any new business. Laib asked Schatz if the council had been notified about removing the trees from the Community Center. Presser stated that council members need to be notified, especially if we are paying them. Schatz stated he will in the future and apologized.

Laib asked AJ Tuck if there should be a reserve account set up. Tuck stated it should have been set up already. Possibly Brian Day helped make one, but he isn't sure if there was.

Extra meter pits will be added. Laib thought Brewster and Metzger were getting them. That was what they had planned but after discussion regular meters will work Schatz stated.

Laib would like letters sent to residents if their water bills are two months passes.

Mayor Schatz asking for approval to tear down his old building on Main Street. Laib was concerned that there may be asbestos in the basement. Schatz reassured them there is no asbestos in the building. Presser wants to make sure the hole will be covered once the building is down. Schatz has E & E Dirt works working for him on the building and to cover the hole once they are done. Howard makes a motion to approve the building tear down, Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Tuck stated Scherbenske is on schedule with the project. The water building is only capable of 38 psi, which is not enough to run the system. Ulteig will be buying a couple pumps to run our system. Tuck talked with Donna Weisz about getting new pipes put in to bring new pumps online. AJ is unable to give a time frame of this happening, but is hoping in the next 2-3 weeks.

Tuck talked about change order #2, which is a follow up from last meeting. He suggests we do the c900 which will be \$9,268 more. Presser states we should go with the cheaper option as long as the equipment is the same and we can handle a little inconvenience for a while. Laib agreed that cheaper route is better. Laib makes a motion not to approve change order #2, Presser seconded it. Motion carried.

Schatz asks for a motion to approve pay estimate for Scherbenske of \$62,078.62. Laib makes motion to approve, Fiedler seconded motion. Motion carried.

Presser read a letter received last fall from Larry Metzger regarding the storm sewer drainage.

Schatz talked how Laib and Fiedler and he worked to pump the water out of cell#2 to the slough. Once the water was low enough, Schatz opened the valve and equalized it.

Schatz talked about how a resident received a letter from the city regarding how she needs to pay her water bill. Resident had already paid the water bill, and was unsure why she would've received the letter. Schatz wants resident to be aware and to call him if they receive anything similar to that, and if it wasn't signed by himself or Ashley, the Auditor.

Residents who are needing to flush their water lines should contact a Council member before doing so. Residents who need to flush their lines should get a credit towards their bill for that, but will still need to pay for any usage. Oberg stated Ann could help with keeping track of flushing and the usage. Howard makes a motion to have Ann help keep track and notify Auditor of resident flushing and usage, Fiedler seconded. Motion carried.

Marlene Wardner clarified that all residents need building permits for any construction to your property, which includes building desks or tear down of buildings. Building permits are \$10.

John Brewster will need a meter for his place and he will have his plumber put it in.

Marge Laib would like to use the City Hall a couple times a month for Senior Citizen meetings. Council has no problem as long as there is no conflicts.

Laib makes a motion to move the Recall Election from July 26, 2018 to August 9, 2018 that way residents have more time to get their absentee ballots. Presser seconded motion. Motion carried.

Laib makes motion to approve election time from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. central time at City Hall, Howard seconded it. Motion carried.

Schatz would like Tonya to come to City Hall once a week to clean the building. Council would like to know what it would cost per hour before making a decision. Council decided to put off till next meeting.

City budget that was presented for preliminary was incorrect and not up to date. Once budge is updated there will be a special meeting.

Presser makes a motion to approve Ulteig bill and Laib seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed, Presser makes motion to approve, and Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

Finances for the month will be reviewed at next meeting.

Council wants to make sure loan payment for the project done on Main Street by Ed's was paid and how much was left on loan. Auditor will look into it and report next meeting.

Ashley Fiedler, Auditor

