

City of Mercer Minutes

July 18, 2019

Mayor Ron Schatz called the meeting to order at 7 pm with Council members Julie Wagner, Randy Zinke, Gary Volochenko, and Derek Fiedler. Also in attendance Ashley Fiedler, Auditor, AJ Tuck, Ulteig Engineer.

Councilmembers look over minutes. Derek Fiedler makes motion to approve minutes, Gary Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Finances were reviewed. Randy Zinke makes motion to approve finances, Julie Wagner seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed by council. Fiedler makes motion to pay bills, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The City is being charged \$23.23 per garbage tote and the city is charging residents who have totes only \$23. Every year garbage prices go up, we are also charged gas. Auditor will look into how much extra it will be for a resident to have another tote as well. Fiedler makes motion the city start charging every garbage user \$2 extra dollars starting September bill, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Mayor Schatz is still working on a quote for the Mercer sign.

Some residents have not been keeping up on their grass and weeds, board was wondering if we have an ordinance. The City has an ordinance regarding nuisance weeds and grass but there is nothing specific in the ordinance. Wagner will look into the ordinance and see how we can update and get residents to keep up their yards.

New Business:

Ken Thomsen would like a building permit to put a shop up in his yard. Volochenko makes motion to approve building permit, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

City needs to pay Walter Lipp for his service regarding the MCC flooding. Volochenko makes motion to pay Walter 25% of collected money, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.

Board would like letters sent to residents who have not been keeping up their yards. Some residents have mattresses and dressers in their yards, an old mobile home that was supposed to be moved off, huge dead trees in yards that all need to be moved off.

Lane Zinke will be putting up a shop with living quarters on the Zinke property. There has never been sewer on that lot and the city needs to provide sewer and water on resident properties. Zinke makes motion city pay for the pump to be hooked up for sewer, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

Engineer, AJ Tuck, presents pay estimate 8 for Scherbenske, and states we are still holding back 5%. Fiedler makes motion to pay Scherbenkse estimate 8, Zinke seconded it. Volochenko opposes. Motion carried.

Board would like to assist Liquidated damages. Zinke makes motion to go for liquidated damaged for the time period May 6 – June 14 excluding rain days and holidays for over \$40,000, Wagner seconded it. Motion carried.

Contract for Walter Lipp to write up easements, Ulteig doesn't feel comfortable writing them up. Zinke makes motion for work order 19.10050 Ulteig, Fiedler seconded it. Motion carried.

Fiedler makes motion to adjourn meeting, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay

1. Aileen (Judge)
2. BHG- \$74.00
3. Farmers Union Oil - \$830.72 (MCC)
4. Hardware Hank- \$124.44 (MCC - \$10.47) (Park \$113.97)
5. McLean Sheridan- Water \$1,755.13 Billing - \$227.65
6. ND Department of Health - \$16.00
7. ND Insurance - \$842.84
8. Otter tail - \$734.76
9. Waste Management - \$1,232.21
10. Willa Murray (Park) \$105
11. WRT - \$176.931
12. Wyatt Wagner - \$130