

City of Mercer Minutes November 11, 2021

Mayor Ron Schatz called the meeting to order at 7pm with Council members Randy Zinke, Ken Thomsen, Gary Volochenko, and Derek Fiedler. Also in attendance Ashley Fiedler, Auditor.

Councilmembers look over minutes. Ken Thomsen makes motion to approve minutes of October and special meeting, Gary Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Finances were reviewed. Derek Fiedler makes motion to approve finances, Thomsen seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed by council. Fiedler makes motion to approve bills, Thomsen seconded it. Roll Call: Fiedler- yes, Zinke- Yes, Thomsen- Yes, Volochenko - Yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Water payments are doing well, two residents that have been sent letters to be turned off if payment is not received.

Mayor Ron Schatz talked with Country Side Heating and Air from Wilton on price for furnace in pump house. A 75,000 BTU furnace would be \$2,323 installed, this price does not include wiring it in. Rental lease fee for 10 years would be \$4,620, if you buy the tank its \$4,000. Thomsen makes motion to buy furnace and lease the tank for 10 years, Volochenko seconded it. Roll Call: Fiedler – yes, Volochenko-yes, Zinke-yes, Thomsen – yes. Motion carried.

Auditor Fiedler received some information on card processing from Municipal & Utility. Would be \$199 set up cost, program is run on the website, the setup fee includes program, training, and create webpage if needed.

Bravera bank, is who the City banks with, they can also help set up online payments. Auditor Fiedler has been working with Tina Goven from Bravera, on different prices. Goven will get more information on card processing by next meeting.

Letter needs to be sent to residents that don't have meters hooked up, stating the need to get hooked up.

New Business:

Paul, from Waste Management, presented a new contract for the City of Mercer. If Waste management and City of Mercer can't agree on contract by December the city will have 6% increase. Paul is offering to lower the residential price by a dollar, keep all commercial prices the same, still get the free overflow bin (by the MCC), the free cemetery bin, lower the park bin price. The 3% increase will not take place till December 2022. This would be a 5 year contract. Board members aren't comfortable with a 5 year contract. Paul stated he could do a 3 year

contract, which first year he would lower price, the next two years would be 3% increase annually. Thomsen makes motion to approve 3 year contract with Waste Management, Zinke seconded it. Roll call: Zinke-yes, Fiedler-yes, Thomsen-yes, Volochenko- yes. Motion carried.

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

Bills to Pay:

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50

BHG

– (Park) \$199.44

– (City) \$125.82

Coal Conversion Dues- \$50

Derek Fiedler - \$69.26

Gary Volochenko - \$69.26

Ken Thomsen - \$69.26

Lakeside Electric – (MCC) \$314.65

League of Cities Dues- \$331

McLean Sheridan

– (Water) \$834.53

– (Billing) \$230.80

ND Department of Health - \$16

Otter Tail - \$682.68

Randy Zinke - \$69.26

Ron Schatz - \$138.52

Tonya Wellington- \$157.50

Waste Management - \$1,292.31

West River - \$187.40