

City of Mercer Minutes
January 25, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm with Council members Derek Fiedler, Ken Thomsen, Gary Volochenko, and Randy Zinke. Also in attendance Ashley Fiedler, Auditor.

Randy Zinke makes motion to appoint Derek Fiedler to finish out Mayor Ron Schatz's term, Gary Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

Ken Thomsen nominates Jim Privratsky to finish Derek Fiedler's term as a council member, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.

Mayor Derek Fiedler, and Council member Jim Privratsky read and sign their oath.

Council members look over minutes. Thomsen makes motion to approve minutes, Volochenko seconded it. Motion carried.

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

Bills were reviewed. Auditor will call Ottetail to let them know City wants meter read in pump house every month as we have new furnace, which will help with bill. Tonya Wellington turned her hours in for cleaning the Community Center, waiting on approval from Rhonda to pay. Thomsen makes motion to pay bills, including Tonya Wellington upon Rhonda's approval, Jim Privratsky seconded it. Roll call: Zinke - yes, Thomsen - yes, Volochenko - yes, Privratsky - yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Water payments for the month are looking good. There was a confusion with payments last month, in which many residents showed a late payment. Everything has been cleared up, and auditor Fiedler apologizes for any confusion.

Thomsen makes motion for 5-year contract with Waste management instead of 3-year contract, Volochenko seconded it. Zinke opposes. Motion carried.

New Business:

The black top road is County responsibility to get cleaned. City has been cleaning it for a while, but going forward will leave for county. City will make sure residents can get through and will make sure side will be cleaned.

Residents' property Todd Vossler, was talked about burning down since it's a health hazard. Letter will be sent to Vossler letting him know of City's concerns.

City shop needs gas and diesel for equipment. Mayor Fiedler will call to get filled.

Resident Robin Brewster was present to discuss insurance claim. Auditor, Fiedler, stated she has been working on it, and has been providing insurance with the information they have requested but keeps wanting more information. Will keep moving forward.

Residents in town are concerned about fairness on water payments. All residents should pay base rate if they have access to water or no one should have to pay. This has been an ongoing issue since the beginning of project. Board is aware of concerns and will be looking for a solution.

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

Bills to Pay:

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50	McClusky Elevator
BHG – 188.96(City) - \$124(Park)	– (MCC) \$700
Bismarck Tribune - \$522 (Park)	– (City) \$575
Coal Country Electric - \$363.63	McLean Sheridan
Countryside Heating & Air - \$2,323	- \$231.20 (billing)
Derek Fiedler - \$69.26	- \$855.20(water)
Ed’s - \$40	ND Dept of Health - \$32
Farmers Union - \$2,884.32	Northern Tax - \$180
Gary Volochenko - \$69.26	Otter Tail - \$1,722.86
IRS - \$654.08	Randy Zinke - \$154.80 (equipment)
Job service - \$3.42	Randy Zinke - \$69.26
Ken Thomsen - \$69.26	Rust’s - \$76.98
KLJ (Park) \$4,400	Tonya Wellington - \$390
Lakeside Electric - \$180 (Park)	Waste Management - \$1,244.08
	WRT - \$187