

City of Mercer Minutes February 10, 2022

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

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, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed. Privratsky makes motion to pay bills, Volochenko seconded it. Roll call: Zinke – yes, Thomsen – yes, Volochenko – yes, Privratsky – yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Water payments are good, but it's still early. Previous month was good for paying.

Water loss looks good for the month at only 11.69%.

Contract for Scherbenske was sent to lawyer in Beulah for her to look over. She will contact when she's ready to move forward.

New Business:

It has been brought to some council member's attention that residents would like meeting dates posted. Auditor, Fielder, will post them, however they may change so make sure we have a full board. March meeting will be held Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7 pm.

All board members need to help with City issues. All board members need to participate in moving snow, shouldn't need to be told to move snow.

Board is wondering how to get residents to pay water bills on time. Obviously our ordinance isn't helping getting it under control, as the same old ones don't pay. Possibly look at getting a collection agency involved to get payments on time.

Chester's Tavern is requesting liquor license transfer for Chili cook-off at MCC on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Volochenko makes motion to approve transfer, Zinke seconded it. Motion carried.

Mercer Turtle Lake Rodeo Club is asking for gaming permit for poker tournament at Chester's Tavern on April 30, 2022. Thomsen makes motion to approve gaming permit, Privratsky seconded it. Motion carried.

City needs to look at charging all residents who have lots with water capabilities. We have residents who have paid every month that don't have water hooked up, but yet some that aren't paying. Board will talk to Lawyer, and discuss what our ordinance state.

Council member Zinke brought to boards attention, why would council members not get paid if they miss meeting. Some of the council members move snow, work on city equipment, or other city responsibilities on their own time. Going forward council members will be paid no matter of their attendance of meeting.

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

Bills to Pay:

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50	McLean Sheridan Water
Bank of ND - \$1,700	- \$231.20 (Billing)
- Water revenue bonds (3/1/22)	- \$1,537.42 (Water)
Derek Fiedler - \$138.52	ND Health Department - \$16
Gary Volochenko - \$69.26	One Call - \$1.25
Hardware Hank - \$2.49	Otter Tail - \$539.78
Jim Privratsky - \$69.26	Randy Zinke - \$69.26
Ken Thomsen - \$69.26	Rud Oil - \$1,317.39
Lloyd Westerlind - \$120 Sparrow Farms	Waste Management - \$1,244.08
McClusky Elevator - \$700 (MCC)	WRT - \$187