

City of Mercer Minutes March 7, 2022

Mayor Derek Fiedler called the meeting to order at 7pm with 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, Jim Privratsky seconded it. Motion carried.

Bills were reviewed. Jim Makes motion to approve bills, Volochenko seconded it. Roll call: Zinke– yes, Volochenko – yes, Jim – yes, Thomsen – yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Water payments are good so far for the month.

No news from the lawyer in Hazen at this time.

New Business:

Water loss was back up this month to 56,320 gallons. Board is concerned about how the water loss jumped so high from last month. Will look at next month and have to look for possible leak, again.

Council member Jim, talked with a lawyer and stated that everyone capable of hook up could be responsible for paying. The lawyer felt to make it more legal according the ordinance the curb stop should be put in so residents could have access to the water if they have to pay. Mayor Fiedler, would like to know how many residents were marked on the loan to pay and aren't paying, and have never paid. Council members will look at current curb-stops and compare to rate study and make a decision going forward.

Council members would like to look into getting a new lawyer for the City. Council members will call around and see what they can come up with.

The state is requiring each City to adopt a back Flow prevention program. Mayor Fiedler met with Ward Heidbreder, from ND Rural Water systems Association, to discuss what needs to be done. He suggested the City go forward with the Comprehensive program, with this program we already have it set up. Once City decides which program, then we will need to adopt an ordinance. Thomsen makes motion to approve Comprehensive, Jim seconded it. Roll call: Zinke- yes, Thomsen – yes, Jim- yes, Volochenko – yes. Motion carried.

Auditor would like to send letter to residents to get information updated. Thomsen makes motion, Jim seconded it. Motion carried.

Volochenko makes motion to adjourn meeting, Jim seconded it. Randy opposes. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay:

Ashley Fiedler - \$923.50

- \$38.80 – Ink and envelopes

BHG - \$77.26

Derek Fiedler - \$138.52

Farmers Union - \$625.12

Gary Volochenko - \$69.26

Hardware Hank

- \$34.97 (City)

- \$38.97 (MCC)

IRS - \$641.88

Jim Privratsky - \$69.26

Job Service - \$3.60

Joel Stradinger - \$20.32 (MCC)

Ken Thomsen - \$69.26

McClusky Co-op Elevator - \$604.60 (MCC)

McLean Sheridan

- (Water) \$963.62

- (Billing) \$228.86

ND Department of Health - \$16

OtterTail – \$585.98

Randy Zinke - \$12.99

Randy Zinke - \$69.26

Tonya - \$112.50 (MCC)

Waste Management - \$1,244.08

WRT - \$187