

City of Mercer Minutes April 7, 2022

Mayor Derek Fiedler called the meeting to order at 6:45pm with Council members Ken Thomsen, Gary Volochenko, and Jim Privratsky. Also in attendance Ashley Fiedler, Auditor.

Council members look over minutes. Thomsen makes motion to approve minutes, Privratsky 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: Volochenko – yes, Jim – yes, Thomsen – yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Water payments are good so far for the month.

Lawyer from Beulah stated she needs General Conditions and Supplementary Conditions, to see if she could move forward. Documents were sent.

New Business:

Jim Wilson from Wilson Law Firm was present to talk about possibly becoming City attorney. Mr. Wilson stated they would do a retainer of probably about \$1500 and they charge \$185 an hour, which comes out of the retainer amount. Wilson Law Firm is not associated with any water boards, or any other boards. Board will table decision until full board is together.

Rhonda Stradinger was present to give an update on the Community Center. Rhonda Stradinger is resigning as MCC Director, which she held for 28 years. Barry and Laura Fiedler will be taking over her position. Rhonda will still help out on grants, but everything else will be run by Fiedler's. The Community Center will be doing some painting in the basement. Last month the sewer line was froze from man hole to the building, Haugen had to come and help unblock it. Council members, Volochenko, Thomsen, and Privratsky all approve of Laura Fiedler taking on the role.

McClusky Co-op contacted Mayor, Fiedler, on possibly putting gas pumps in Mercer. That was tabled until someone from Co-op can attend meeting.

All old piping and pump should either be scraped or sold. Thomsen makes motion to have the metal sold by bids instead of scrap metal, Jim seconded it. Motion carried.

Some streets in town need some gravel, as well as the streets need to be bladed. Mayor Fiedler, will contact 701 Dirt works to see if he could do the work.

April 11th is deadline for election candidates.

Thomsen makes motion to approve Don Rutschke's pole barn building permit, Privratsky seconded it. Motion approved.

Next meeting will be held May 12, 2022, 7PM.

Council approves Wyatt Wagner still mowing City property.

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

Bills to Pay:

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| Ashley Fiedler | ND Department of Health |
| - \$923.50 | - \$16 |
| Co-op McClusky | NorDak North Publications |
| - \$796 (MCC) | - \$47.76 |
| Dakota Playground | Otter Tail |
| - \$18,247.50 (Park Checking) | - \$1,015.34 |
| Derek Fiedler | Randy Zinke |
| - \$138.52 | - \$69.26 |
| Farmers Union | Stamps |
| - \$791.65 | - \$116 |
| Gary Volochenko | Tonya Wellington |
| - \$69.26 | - \$195 (MCC) |
| Jim Privratsky | Waste management |
| - \$69.26 | - \$1,244.80 |
| Ken Thomsen | Work Force safety |
| - \$69.26 | - \$250 |
| KL | WRT |
| - \$120.55 (Park Checking) | - \$186.86 |
| Master Fire & Safety | |
| - \$30 (MCC) | |
| McLean County Treasurer | |
| - \$555 (2022 Assessments) | |
| McLean Sheridan | |
| - \$230.80 (Billing) | |
| - \$783.44 (Water) | |