

City of Mercer Minutes For November 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Jim Privratsky at 7pm. Members present were Joe Jerkovich, Gary Volochenko, Kenny Thomsen, Randy Zinke and Tonya Wellington (Auditor).

The minutes for the October 4, 2022 meeting were provided to the board before the meeting. Randy Zinke made a motion to approve the minutes with changes made, and Kenny Thomsen seconded the motion. Joe Jerkovich, Gary Volochenko, Kenny Thomsen, and Randy Zinke voted I. Motion Approved.

The financial report was provided to the board before the meeting. The board asked to have the \$6,000.00 from Clyde Mobile, to be moved from the street fund to the general fund. The board also would like to know if the park maintenance fund if it is a city fund or not. And if it is possible for the city to give the account back to the park committee. Tina Goven and Brian Day are coming on Nov. 1st to work on the park's account finances and to work on a new program for the park. The board would like to have this resolved by January 1st, 2023 for the new fiscal year.

A motion to approve the financial report was made by Randy Zinke. Gary Volochenko seconded the motion.

Joe Jerkovich, Gary Volochenko, Kenny Thomsen and Randy Zinke all voted I. Motion approved.

Bills for the month were presented to the board. Kenny Thomsen had questions about bills and attorney costs to the city. Randy Zinke made the motion to approve the bills for the city and Kenny Thomsen seconded the motion. Joe Jerkovich, Gary Volochenko, Kenny Thomsen and Randy Zinke all voted I. Motion Approved.

Old Business

Kenny Thomsen asked for all correspondence with District Health Department. Kenny Thomsen wanted to know who made contact with them. The call was made by Jim Privratsky to the District Health Dept. They came down and checked out the property. The District Health Dept. sent out their letter after checking the property. All the letters from District Health Dept. and Solem Law Firm have been received by board.

New Business

Randy Zinke informed the board that the leak in the pump house has been fixed.

Joe Jerkovich asked about getting the light for the flags in the park fixed.

1. Randy Zinke talked to Jim Privratsky and told him he needs to put the park lights on timers.
2. Then Jim Privratsky talked to Tina Goven about putting timers on the lights to cut down on the electrical bill. Willa Murray is going to contact Brent Christianson to look into the flag light.

Snow removal was discussed for Our Savior's Lutheran Church and The First Baptist Church. The board decided to not clean the church's parking lots as the churches have members with equipment to clean them. The board's main concern is cleaning and opening the streets in town.

Craig Schlafman put up posts and ropes as a fence. So, the city cannot push snow onto the city boulevard. A letter was sent to him on Nov 14, 2022 about this matter.

Last on new business is the Lutheran Lady's. The Lutheran Lady's donated 4 chairs to city hall for our board members. The board asked to have a thank you card sent to them.

Randy Zinke brought up that the furnace in the pump house needs to be looked at because it's not igniting. And the other day it was 33 degrees in there.

Willa Murray asked if she could speak for the Senior Citizens. They would like to pay for a new window and labor to install a new kitchen window in the city hall. Gary Volochenko made a motion to get bids on installing the window and Randy Zinke seconded the motion. Joe Jerkovich, Gary Volochenko, Kenny Thomsen and Randy Zinke all voted I. Motion Approved.

Water bills were looked at by the board. The board asked questions on which residents were past due and the last time they made a payment. They talked about letters being sent to residents that are 30 to 60 days or more past due.

Also, letters need to be sent to the residents informing them that there will be an increase in the garbage rate by 3% by Waste Management on January 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Joe Jerkovich to adjourn the meeting. Randy Zinke seconded it. All in favor were Joe Jerkovich, Gary Volochenko, Kenny Thomsen and Randy Zinke. Motion Approved.
Meeting Adjourned.