

## City of Mercer Minutes

February 9, 2023

Mayor Jim Privratsky called the meeting to order with council members Joe Jerkovich, Gary Volochenko, Ken Thomsen, and Tonya Wellington-Auditor all present. Randy Zinke was not present.

**Approve Minutes:** Ken Thomsen made motion to approve the minutes with changes made and Gary Volochenko seconded. All board members voted I. Motion Carried.

**Financial Report:** The board elected not to approve the financial report till the Park Committee transfers all their money out of the city's accounts into their own account.

**Approve Monthly Bills:** Joe Jerkovich made a motion to approve bills for the month of January and Gary Volochenko seconded. All board members voted I. Motion Carried.

**Water bills** for the month were discussed. No letters need to be sent out.

### Old Business:

Tonya Wellington talked to Waste Management about notification to the City of Mercer if there will be no services. Jim Privratsky and Tonya Wellington will put app on their phones. So, Waste Management can send notifications if there will be no services due to weather.

A Generator for the Pump House was discussed. Ken Thomsen provided examples of different sizes and prices for a generator. No decision has been made at this time.

### New Business:

Jim Privratsky asked board which project is most important to apply for a Garrison Diversion Grant of 50% cost share up to \$20,000: 1.) fixing up the pump house or 2.) fixing the valve between cell one and cell two.

Gary Volochenko made a motion to get bids for digging in a new valve between cell one and cell two. Ken Thomsen seconded. Motion Carried.

Tonya Wellington discussed with board about water and sewer funds. Currently there is a Water and Water Reserve account. The city needs to add on a Water Maintenance account to allocate money correctly. We have a Sewer, a Sewer Reserve and a Sewer Maintenance account. Any Late Fees and Shut On/Off Fees should be allocated to Water or Sewer Maintenance accounts. Gary Volochenko made a motion to add a water maintenance account and Joe Jerkovich seconded it. All board members voted I. Motion Carried.

Valerie Thomsen asked to have the Mercer website updated for the upcoming meetings and for the June 16, 2022 minutes to be attached to the link. Tonya Wellington will let Tamara Schatz know about the changes and get them updated.

Ken Thomsen stated that Chester's Tavern needs a temporary liquor license for Chili Cook off on March 5, 2023. Ken Thomsen made a motion to approve temporary liquor license and Gary Volochenko seconded. All board members said I. Motion Carried. Tonya Wellington gave liquor license to Ken Thomsen to present to Chester's Tavern.

Also, needed is a local gaming permit for 50/50 raffle tickets. Tonya Wellington will check into rules on 50/50 raffle and the forms needed.

Board discussed buying a new carburetor for the city tractor. If any grant money comes available for a city tractor. We need to apply to see if we can get a newer tractor. Board would like to table this for now.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Ken Thomsen made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Joe Jerkovich seconded. All voted I. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned