

City of Mercer Special Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2023

Interim Mayor Ken Thomsen called the meeting to order with council members Joe Jerkovich, Gary Volochenko, Randy Zinke and Tonya Wellington-Auditor all present.

Ken Thomsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved Minutes: Ken Thomsen read the minutes from June 14, 2023. Gary Volochenko made the motion to approve the minutes with changes to be made with the spelling out numbers and corrections. Joe Jerkovich seconded the motion. Joe Jerkovich, Gary Volochenko and Randy Zinke all voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Water Ordinance: The New Water Ordinance was discussed. Randy Zinke presented the board with an updated water ordinance. We have three loans currently for the city. Loan # 91-04 Water System Upgrades is \$396,471.88 and final year of loan is 2057. Loan #92-06 Lift Station and Sewer Repairs is \$267,079.59 and final year of loan is 2059. Loan # 240 is fully funded amount of \$761,690.00 and final year of loan is 2047. We have one payment for \$3,587.50 at the Bank of North Dakota that comes out May 1st of every year. May 28 of each year another payment for \$11,196.00. The final loan payment for the year is on Dec 1st of each year for \$15,685.04. Total payments for the year for all three loans is \$30,468.54. The base rate for water right now is \$53.00 and \$18.00 for sewer. There will still be a \$50.00 shut off for lack of payment and reconnect fee. And discussion to change to a \$100.00 reconnect fee if it is after 5pm or on weekends and holidays. Discussion for a lower rate for residents that do not have their curb stop in use/turned on the property. Ken Thomsen will look into the base rate required by our loan with USDA, so we are in compliance. Randy Zinke will update the Water Ordinance with the changes that the board discussed. Randy Zinke will present at the meeting on July 13, 2023, for the first reading of the New Water Ordinance.

Weed Ordinance: Ken Thomsen talked about how the ordinance reads right now. When there is a need to be sent to the resident. They will have 10 days to take care of it otherwise the city will come in and take care of it for them. Then the city needs to send them a bill and give them an opportunity to pay the bill before it gets added to the property taxes. At this time there will be no changes to the Weed Ordinance.

Lagoon Project: Randy Zinke will have an update at the next meeting.

Adjourn Meeting: Gary Volochenko made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joe Jerkovich seconded. All Voted Aye. Motion Carried.