

City of Mercer Minutes for March 17, 2025

Mayor Lori Stute called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance with Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, Randy Zinke and Tonya Wellington-Auditor all present.

Mayor Stute read the minutes from the meeting on February 13, 2025. Randy Zinke made the motion to approve the minutes with changes made and Barb Stute seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko and Randy Zinke all voted aye, and Erika Lorenz abstained. Motion carried.

Financials

Barb Stute made a motion to approve the financials and Randy Zinke seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko and Randy Zinke voted aye and Erika Lorenz voted no. Motion carried.

Bills to be Paid.

Erika Lorenz made a motion to approve the bills and Barb Stute seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted aye. Motion carried.

Water Bills

Tonya Wellington-City Auditor will send out letters to any resident that is more than 30 days past due.

Park Minutes

Tina Goven provided a copy of the park's financials for the month of February. Erika Lorenz stated that the park has not met and is scheduling a meeting in April. They have approved a \$53.00 water bill and \$76.11 for the electricity for the park. The project fund has a balance of \$2,687.94 and the park maintenance fund balance is \$5,950.72.

Old Business

Mayor Stute stated the first item for old business is the timeline for assessments on properties. After discussions, the board has decided to table this discussion until the next meeting to look into additional information.

Mayor Stute stated we need clarification on the dates for the haying letters that need to be sent for 2025. Gary Volochenko made the motion to require having hay cut by August 31, 2025, and removed by October 1, 2025, and Randy Zinke seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Stute stated that the Mercer City Hall needs to be insulated. Randy Zinke said that he priced out the materials for insulation and it would be \$1,350.00 with Wagon Wheel in Washburn N.D. After discussion, the board has decided to table this discussion till the next meeting.

Mayor Stute stated that Chester's Tavern is requesting to add blackjack to their gaming through the Turtle Lake American Legion until the end of their contract on June 30, 2025. Erika Lorenz made the motion to approve the addition of blackjack until the end of contract and Gary Volochenko seconded. Gary Volochenko and Erika Lorenz voted aye and Barb Stute and Randy Zinke voted no. Mayor Stute-Mayor voted aye to break the tie. Motion carried.

Mayor Stute stated that Waste Management would like to know if the City of Mercer would like to have a spring clean-up week. The roll-off dumpster would be \$600.00 plus \$55.00 a ton for the week. At this time, no action will be taken for spring clean-up.

Mayor Stute stated the next thing on the agenda is turning off the heat at the Mercer Community Center. Gary Volochenko made the motion to turn the heat off at the Mercer Community Center and Randy Zinke seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stute stated that we need to open a bank account for the Community Center Project Committee. Randy Zinke made the motion to open a new bank account for the Community center Project Committee and Barb Stute seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Stute asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erika Lorenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gary Volochenko seconded. Barb Stute, Gary Volochenko, Erika Lorenz, and Randy Zinke all voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.