

MUB MEETING  
December 22, 2015  
7:30 AM

Meeting called to order by Dan Mayer, MUB Member. Others present were Ken Sabers, MUB member; Mark Carstensen, MUB Member; Greg Barnier, City Attorney; Fay Bueno, Finance Officer; Daniel Ainslie, City Manager; Rick Bush, Public Works; Dale Olson, Water Superintendent; Shawn Mechling, future MUB member; Jeff and Cathy Bertch, residents; Keith and Linda Bohm, residents and RT Shaw, owner Hog Heaven Campground.

Ken Sabers made a motion to approve today's agenda, Mark Carstensen seconded. Approved. Mark Carstensen made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting, Dan Mayer seconded. Approved. Ken Sabers made a motion to approve the claims, Dan Mayer seconded. Approved.

Jeff and Cathy Bertch along with Keith and Linda Bohm presented concerns over the line ownership on Glen Ridge Court. The Murray Water Company built the water lines in that area. In June of 2004 the City of Sturgis signed a contract with the Murray Water Company to purchase certain assets of the water company with other portions being reserved by the Murray Water Company. In the agreement, the City agreed to provide water to the customers in the event that water mains were extended in the immediate area, even if the homes were not in the city limits. The city has a master shut off along the main road. The MUB regulations, state that the City owns the water lines from the water main until either the master curb stop or the curb stop, whichever is closer to the water main. Currently all five homes are on one 2" water line (which does not meet MUB regulations) with no shut off valves other than the ones in the homes which is against regulation. After much discussion, it was agreed that the City Attorney will read the letter and contract provided by the homeowners present and to ascertain who has the responsibility and ownership of the service line from the city shut off to the homes. It was mentioned that the homeowners could voluntarily annex into the city limits and have an assessment attached to their property to pay for a project which would construct a system which meets the regulations (that is what happened with the Murray Addition annexation). Linda Bohm left the meeting at this time (8:25).

The Water Superintendent gave a report that the water lines are installed at Dolan Creek and are awaiting bacteria test results. A motion was made by Dan Mayer to approve the second reading of regulation 2.04, Mark Carstensen seconded. Approved. Dale Olson reported that Rural Water does not have their locate machine back to do the leak locate for Hog Heaven Campground. RT Shaw would like permission to fix the line himself, however the City cannot grant that ability though it is not opposed. Easements are non-transferrable so Mr. Shaw will need to speak to the landowner in order to receive an easement. The representative of the Murray's who own the land, Jack Murray, as well as RT Shaw, Mayor Carstensen, the City Attorney and City Manager will meet in January to discuss solutions to this problem.

Mr. Guy Edwards was not present at the meeting but a report was presented regarding the division of his property at PhilTown. There are still 3-4 issues that must be completed before the property can be divided which Mr. Edwards has been notified of several times in writing and in person.

The Finance Officer presented the 2015 write-offs which Mark Carstensen made a motion to approve, Dan Mayer seconded. Approved. Clarification for billing after hour reconnects was requested. Ken Sabers made a motion to charge the after hour fee plus the reconnection fee. Dan Mayer seconded, Approved. The resolution for the Watershed Property was tabled. Dan Mayer is resigning from the Board, Mayor Carstensen appointed Shawn Mechling as his replacement. The countless hours and time spend by Mr. Mayer in his capacity as MUB member and president is very much appreciated and recognized.

Dan Mayer made a motion to adjourn, Mark Carstensen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned by Dan Mayer. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 26 at 7:30 am in the front conference room.

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Ken Sabers, President

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