

A special meeting of the Michigan City Council was held Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen Orwick. Members present were Maria Vasichuk, Scott Gilbertson and Elaine Larson. Absent Scott Midstokke. Also present were Sharon Young and Bernie Linstad.

There was discussion on the City's water and sewer emergency. Jay reported on the meeting he had with FEMA earlier in the day. Nelson County Emergency Manager Sharon Young reported on information she had from the incident period. There was discussion on reimbursement for volunteers including those who lost time at their business during the emergency. Jay should contact Warren Hurst, with FEMA, for information. There are approximately 15 pallets of bottled water still available. Sharon will help to make these available by sending an e-mail to cities, schools and designated shelters within the County. The Council set Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. for anyone interested picking up any water. Things that still need to be finished include contacting Brian Johnson to clean culverts and to install a flap gate on a culvert on South Street east of Troy Ave. Jay is also trying to receive more information on the air release valves that are located on the sewer forcemain to the lagoon. Jay stated that most everything the City used from other cities and companies, including pumps, has been returned. Some things Mayor Orwick thought would have been helpful in the office during the emergency included a battery powered radio, TV, weather radio, emergency binder for Mayor and Auditor, telephone with remote, better flashlights, maps hung on the wall and storage of blueprints etc. There was discussion on hiring extra help to get caught after the emergency. A motion was made by Scott Gilbertson to allow for overtime for Ross Severson if needed. Maria Vasichuk seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Vasichuk and Larson voting in favor. A special thank you goes out to Jay Haugen for his work during the emergency. Also a thank you to Governor Hoeven, to Sharon Young, the entire City Council and all the volunteers that helped during the emergency.

There was discussion on the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Projects that have been submitted by the City include cleaning of vegetation in drain to Lake Laretta to aid with runoff, install generator hookup to lift station in NW corner of town and install generator hookup at civic center for evacuation center and purchase of backup generator for this purpose. All 3 projects have been considered qualified projects with the next step writing the grant applications. Sharon Young stated that the applications are lengthy and that the County hired Red River Regional Council to write theirs. Mayor Orwick stated that this something the Council should be on top of.

Sharon left the meeting at this time.

There was discussion on the cemetery addition. Jay stated that he met with a surveyor and that he will be putting something together for us in the near future. Scott Gilbertson received a price from Randy Severson for grass seed. Jay did talk to the Plant Ranch and they are interested in taking the wood for firewood. They will get back to Jay when they look at it.

The Council decided to have a dumpster brought in to clean out the city shop. Jay has talked to Prairie Builders and Ohnstad Electric to submit bids for insulating and heating the shop area.

The Council feels that there is not a need for a third dumpster for spring cleanup.

Ohnstad Electric has not yet submitted a bid for the installation of a generator hookup at the civic center.

Jay will talk to Quam Construction when they get back here to remove the fill from the north side of the civic center and replace it with something better.

Mayor Orwick stated that an actual to budget report should be included for review at council meetings.

Job list for the summer should include waxing civic center floor, repair casters on chair carts, paint stained areas on civic center ceiling, clean storage closet in civic center and prime and paint front of civic center including windows.

City park signs are to be installed as soon as possible. They should be able to be put on light poles on Highway 35.

Maria talked to Pete Wenstad about making a frame to display an aerial view of Michigan in the civic center.

Maria will place an ad in the paper regarding the missing items from the civic center.

Maria donated and planted the flowers around the Michigan sign.

The Council reviewed a price quote for a payment drop box for water bills. Jay did talk to Jill at First United Bank and she will talk to Grant about the fee the city currently pays.

There was discussion on the water billing software from Black Mountain. Mayor Orwick stated that if we go with the software that we should also update with a new computer. After further discussion Maria Vasichек made a motion to purchase the billing software and computer. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Vasichек, Gilbertson and Larson voting in favor.

Mayor Orwick made the following suggestions for the Council to think about: purchase of a computer work center for Jay and removal of desks; file cabinets and files; and conference table for City Council.

A motion was made by Scott Gilbertson to pay the following bills: Zacha Plumbing & Heating and PDQ Sanitary Services. Maria Vasichек seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Vasichек and Larson voting in favor.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned