

City of Michigan City

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Mayor – Lauri Rysavy, City Auditor – Jason Flom, City Superintendent – Scott Gilbertson, City Council Members
Nathan Flom, Jay Vasichek, Daniel Reineke, Jay Gilbertson
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Michigan City Council

Regular Meeting

November 10, 2025

5pm

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rysavy.

Members Present: Daniel Reineke, Jay Gilbertson, Jay Vasichek, Lauri Rysavy

Members Absent: Nathan Flom

Others present: Scott Gilbertson-City Superintendent, Jason Flom-Auditor, Kaitlyn-Ottertail Power

Community members present: Rod Crommett, David Kalinoski, Bill Best, James Shirek, Floyd Alford, Jay Buhr, Elaine Larson, Maria Vasichek.

Mayor Rysavy recognized the community present. Asked for problems, concerns, issues to be brought forward.

Elaine Larson spoke. She asked for permission, along with Linda Miller, to decorate the Vets Park for Christmas. She stated they had already bought items last year. Council agreed that it would be great, but she would need to approach the Park Board.

2nd item was she has been in contact with ND Game and Fish for a Railed Fishing Dock placed at the Reservoir. It would be given under grant from Game and Fish geared to youngster to give them ease for fishing. They would also stock the reservoir yearly. Legon has agreed to put the money up that would be needed to match. Council agreed that this would be a great opportunity to proceed.

3rd item was a request for one of the fire escapes off the old school building. Council denied request due to age of the escape and other factors involved.

Kaitlyn from Ottertail Power company presented the second reading of the 20-year agreement between Ottertail Power Company and Michigan City. Only Change from prior contact/ordinance was that we would have to give OTPC 60 day notice instead of 30-day Notice if we intended to break the contract. Jay Gilbertson made a motion to approve second reading and changes to the agreement with OTPC. Jay Vasichek Second. Roll call Vote: Dan Reineke-yes, Jay Gilbertson-Yes, Jay Vasichek-yes. Motion Carried.

Kaitlyn Thanked the council and left the meeting.

Maria Vasichек Presented. She has concerns that there are 29 cars in Michigan that do not run and should fall under the ordinance #144 regarding such. She stated that she is flipping homes and one such properties with this problem is located across the street from this home. She presented a letter that prior council had NCSO draft to go with the city ordinance. Council Member Vasichек stated besides a certified letter that the NCSO should serve this letter and ordinance they have 30 days to remove said vehicle. Mayor Rysavy offered a copy of the ordinance to all present.

In connection with said complaint Floyd Alford spoke on the Property to the west of him and the history the property owner has in Petersburg with collection of non-running vehicles over there. Council stated that they are aware of this and currently have been watching over there. Auditor Flom stated that currently all vehicles over there have driven in on their own accord and are licensed. Alford also asked about the property directly east of the Duffer’s club. Council stated that the owner mows the grass and buildings on said property at this time there is no action to be taken by city

Jay Buhr spoke on the same matter and issued complaint of vehicles on blocks, next door in the backyard.

After discussion Council will take pictures of said vehicles to compile a list. After which it will be discussed, and letter put together by the Auditor. Auditor will talk to the NCSO to help with delivery of official letters and send them certified mail. Member Vasichек reminded the group that if the vehicle is licensed and runs that we can take no action on them.

Maria Vasichек, Elaine Larson, Floyd Alford, Jay Buhr left the meeting.

Rod Crommett, Bill Best, David Kalinoski and James Shirek spoke on behalf of the Michigan Legion. They stated they have gaming money they feel would help the city greatly. Such as the Store, food pantry, so on and so forth. After a discussion Council directed them to cut the checks directly to the Local JDA. JDA can see fit where it needs to go such as building repairs to the old Kite Building, Food Pantry, Grocery store. Legion agreed with the council and will go directly to them. Mayor Rysavy and Council graciously thanked the Legion for all their donation to Michigan to keep it the beautiful place that it is! They were also thanked for their recent donation towards new Christmas pole decorations!

Rod Crommett, Bill Best, David Kalinoski and James Shirek left the meeting.

Mayor Rysavy called for motion to approve the last meeting minutes. Jay Vasichек made a motion to approve as presented. Daniel Reineke seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Dan Reineke-yes, Jay Gilbertson-Yes, Jay Vasichек-yes. Motion Carried.

Bills were as presented:

1st United Bank*	\$1,704.93
MHF*	\$27.95
Brager*	\$2,000.25
Ottertail*	\$2,002.20
Nodak*	\$150.00
Polar*	\$185.33
NCSO*	\$1,315.00

One Call*	\$3.00
Card Member Services*	\$1,267.22
ND Water Usres Assoc	\$125.00
John Deere Financial	\$9,167.56
Verizon*	\$41.53
Hamster Oil	\$123.05
Farmers Union*	\$150.00
Ferguson Waterworks*	\$1,250.00
Lakota Hardware*	\$15.56
Nelson Cnty Water*	\$2,824.98

Motion made by Jay Vasichек to approve. Daniel Reineke seconded. Roll call Vote: Dan Reineke-yes, Jay Gilbertson-Yes, Jay Vasichек-yes. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Report:

Scott Gilbertson Presented. Water loss for the month was within normal range.
 Civic center has had 40 lights changed over to LED. There is about that many left to complete.
 Working on being winter ready, Bulk water station has been closed for the season. Fire Hydrants have been flushed and working on a couple replacing parts.
 Burnt tree pile at the reservoir. Need to contact Brian Johnson to push them back and push back the concrete pile.
 Mixer for the water tower is in and waiting for Ohnstad electric to come and wire it.
 Will be taking vacation the next few afternoons this week.

Auditor Report:

Jason Flom Presented. Water shut off notices were presented.
 Bank statement, Profit Loss and Balance sheets given.
 USDA report was given and amounts left with them.
 All special assessments have been turned into the Nelson County Auditor.
 Discussed new policy for new construction houses and the setback rule. Will have examples next meeting, this will not be an ordinance but a policy,
 The new accounting and utility billing system was discussed, and I hope to have it all in place by years end.

Old Business

Spark housing was discussed and Lisa from RRRC stated through an email that construction will begin in the spring. Motion was made by Jay Vasichек to abate the taxes during construction. Jay Gilbertson seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Dan Reineke-yes, Jay Gilbertson-Yes, Jay Vasichек-yes. Motion Carried.

Second reading of Ordinance 146 (Pets in city limits) was done. Jay Vasichек made a motion to approve the changes made to Ordinance 146. Daniel Reineke seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Dan Reineke-yes, Jay Gilbertson-Yes, Jay Vasichек-yes. Motion Carried.

New Business

2026 Beer license for Hamster Oil and 2026 Beer and Liquor License for Horseshoe Bar and Grill were presented.

Daniel Reineke made a motion to approve the Hamster oil Beer License. Jay Vasichек seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Dan Reineke-yes, Jay Gilbertson-Abstain, Jay Vasichек-yes. Motion Carried.

Jay Vasichек made a motion to approve the Horseshoe Bar and Grill 2026 Liquor and beer license. Jay Gilbertson seconded the motion. Roll call Vote: Dan Reineke-yes, Jay Gilbertson-Yes, Jay Vasichек-yes. Motion Carried.

Next Regular meeting will be December 8, 2025, at 5pm

Jay Gilbertson made motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Reineke seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted

Jason M Flom, Auditor

Amendment 12/08/2025 Jay Vasichек made a motion to approve as presented. Nathan Flom seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously by rollcall vote.