

## Emergency City Council Meeting

Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

5PM

The Michigan City Council held an emergency meeting on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5 PM. In attendance were: Mayor Lauri Rysavy; Councilmen: Scott Gilbertson, Kathy Gilbertson, Scott Midstokke, Rod Fisk; City Superintendent, Cathi Westensee Fisk, and Lonnie Anderson.

The meeting was called for precautions in freezing water lines and guidelines for running water.

Cathi Westensee Fisk, City Superintendent reported that in the three days of residents running water for 24 hours, the water gallons used were 162,900 gallons used and the pumps ran 60 hours. Normal water gallons used in a month are 504,000 gallons and the pumps normal running time is 147 hours a month.

In calculating the usage for a month water run would be 1,629,000 gallons and the pumps would run 600 hours. The water tower is calling for water before the wells can fill the storage tank. If a fire would occur we would not have enough water to fight it.

City Council will ask the residents to cut their water running time in half. The council decided to provide the following guidelines:

If you are at home all day using water by washing clothes, dishes, cooking, showering, flushing toilets, you don't need to run your water all day. You can run one faucet at the pencil stream rate during the night. Please monitor your drains for back up.

If no one is home during the day, you can run one faucet at pencil stream rate. When you get home, shut off your faucet. By cooking, showering, flushing toilets, washing clothes and dishes you should be using enough water to avoid freezing your water lines. Please monitor your drains for back up.

Lauri will put an article in the paper, on the web site and make up posters to be dropped off at businesses.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn, second by Scott Midstokke, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned

Cathi Westensee Fisk, Deputy Auditor