

Michigan City Council
Regular meeting
July 7, 2014

The Michigan City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the City office. Mayor Lauri Rysavy called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kathy Gilbertson, Josh Forde, Scott Gilbertson and Diane Schock. Others attending were Cathi Fisk, City Superintendent, and Andrew Aakre from Moore Engineering, Jay Vasichek, Michelle Linstad and Keith Olson, Nelson County Sheriff.

Moore Engineering representative, Andrew Aakre gave the Council an update on the water and lift station project. He answered several questions and some meter sizes were discussed. Andrew also explained how the bidding time line will possibly work.

Jay Vasichek requested information on a liquor license needed for John Deere's upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration. Scott Gilbertson made a motion that the City grant The Town Pump a license for this event. Josh Forde seconded the motion, motion carried. They are responsible for the State license. Jay also stated that the tables donated by Leading Edge to the Civic Center are for Community use.

Keith Olson asked the Council for any questions and concerns they may have regarding Law Enforcement. The City has had several dog complaints. Sheriff Olson said any resident may call the Sheriff's Department with concerns regarding pets.

Michelle Linstad distributed Michigan Days posters. She also asked about Mosquito spraying of the football field and Duffers. Scott and Cathi explained not all areas have been fit to drive into to spray because of excessive rain. Michelle also expressed concern about weed spraying.

Mayor Rysavy reviewed the bills with Council members. Diane Schock made a motion to approve the bills, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried.

July 2014 bills

City Employees	\$4847.38
Cathi Fisk	\$358.80 (OT)
Maynard Hjelseth	\$290.00
Ron Nelson	\$465.00
Agcom	\$944.54
Ameripride	\$105.26
Brager Disposal	\$2177.50
Cardmember Service	\$757.26
City of Lakota	\$1050.00
Farmers Union Oil Co	\$716.26
Grand Forks Utility Billing	\$26.00
Johnson Excavating	\$1200.00 (fuel tank)
Lakota Farm Service	\$3388.00
Lakota Hardware	\$33.48

Michigan Hometown Foods	\$30.33
ND League of Cities	\$401.00
ND One Call	
North Dakota Sewage Pump	\$475.00
Nelson Cty Auditor	\$210.00 (election expense)
Nelson Cty Sheriff's Dept	\$926.10
Ness Press	\$111.78
Nodak Electric	
Ottertail Power	
Polar Comm	\$189.94
Ohnstad Electric	\$3,695.34 (West lift station)
Ohnstad Electric	\$10,752.29 (Civic Center)
Red River Regional Council	\$2412.00
S & S Agri Service	\$145.00
United Laboratories	\$823.94
Verizon Wireless	\$118.19
Michelle Linstad	\$600.00 Website
	\$300.00 Assessor
Lauri Rysavy	\$550.00
Scott Gilbertson	\$275.00
Scott Midstokke	\$200.00
Kathy Gilbertson	\$225.00
Rod Fisk	\$275.00

Superintendent Cathi Fisk reported as follows:

1. Cathi thanked Scott Gilbertson and his boys for their assistance in helping locate during a water problem with the railroad
2. she has sprayed for mosquitoes 5 times
3. water loss last month was 22.85%
4. the North Pump ran 100.75 hours which amounts to 72 million gallons of water pumped in June
5. SSR Pump has the railing for the Civic back step done and Dale Staniszewski will install
6. the response for the ND Insurance Reserve liability report has been sent
7. Cathi had 14.75 overtime hours in June
8. Cathi will need to order more mosquito donuts for standing water
9. Cans for a Cause has offered to buy a new refrigerator for the Civic Center to replace the one that is not working
10. She has been asked to spray at Rainbow Lodge for an event on July 12. The Council approved her to do so.
11. She is waiting for results of the Lagoon cells testing. Cathi asked Scott when the Lagoon will be sprayed for weeds. Scott said it will be done soon.

Robbyn Maresh gave the financial reports and reported on her 6-23-14 meeting with Rich Mortenson, of Mortenson/Rygh. After discussion Scott Gilbertson made a motion to transfer \$5323.45 from the Sales Tax Fund to the General Fund. Josh Forde seconded the

motion, motion carried. Diane Schock made a motion to transfer \$5000.00 from the Social Security Fund to the General Fund. Kathy Gilbertson seconded, motion carried. Robbyn also gave the Council members the list of Past due water bills. Pete Nenow will receive a Final Notice and his water will be shut off on July 15 for non-payment.

Old Business:

Mayor Rysavy asked Scott about the status of the trees to be planted in the Cemetery. He has the information and contacts needed and is working on them.

Lauri explained Eric Volk's water/sewer rate chart and the City's Debt repayment schedule and income. Diane Schock exited the meeting at 8:00 pm. Discussion followed on how best to set new water/sewer rates. Lauri will contact Eric Volk with the proposal of the new rates the Council would like to set.

A letter from the DOT stating that all access points for the City remaining open was discussed.

New Business:

The Council reviewed a contract proposal from Lake Region Pest Control. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to accept the proposal. Josh Forde seconded the motion, motion carried.

An offer from Steve Nies to buy property adjoining his in the City was reviewed. The property known as E 30.83 ft of Lot 4, Block 3 will be sold to Mr. Nies for a sum of \$25.00 if he will pay the filing fee for the Quit Claim Deed. Josh Forde made the motion, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried.

Mayor Rysavy asked the Council if any member would like to be the City Representative for the Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan. She will contact Diane before asking another Community member.

Mayor Lauri Rysavy went through Ordinances she needs Council members to review and possible revisions to be made. These include a new Snow Ordinance, the Cemetery and Sales Tax Ordinances.

The list of City property and the City Assessor duties was discussed. Josh Forde instructed Robbyn to ask Michelle Linstad, City Assessor for a map with legal descriptions of City owned property for the next Council meeting. Council members also discussed using the City Website to advertise real estate for sale or apartments for rent. Anyone interested can email Michelle Linstad at mlinstad@nd.gov with descriptions and pictures.

It was brought to the attention of the Council by Mayor Rysavy of the need to change "Model B Flood Plain Ordinance #155 to #92. Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to change, seconded by Josh Forde, motion carried.

New compensation rates for the Mayor and Council was discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mayor Rysavy read the Postal survey regarding a reduction in hours of the Michigan Post Office to members.

After discussion Mayor Rysavy will ask Andrew Aakre about property values for the North Dakota Insurance Department policy.

Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh Forde, motion carried.

Next regular meeting, Monday, August 4, 2014.