

Michigan City Council  
Regular Meeting  
August 4, 2014

The Michigan City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the City office. Mayor Lauri Rysavy called the meeting to order. Council members present were Diane Schock, Josh Forde, Scott Gilbertson, and Kathy Gilbertson. City Superintendent Cathi Fisk was also in attendance.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve the minutes of the 7-7-14 meeting. Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried.

Andrew Aakre of Moore Engineering gave the Council a construction update via phone. Documents have now been sent on the General Consul and the City should be getting loan closing instructions in several months. Moore Eng is now reviewing the Geotechnical analysis. Mr. Aakre informed the Council that there are some high water table issues that will have to be dealt with.

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve the August bills. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.

August 2014 bills to approve

City Employees	\$4847.38
Cathi Fisk (OT)	\$405.60
Maynard Hjelseth	\$250.00
Ron Nelson	\$500.00
Agcom	\$1489.36
Ameripride	\$105.26
Brager Disposal	\$2177.50
Cardmember Service	\$1141.31
Dale Staniszewski Const	\$201.00
Ferguson Waterworks	\$175.27
Grand Forks Utility Billing	\$26.00
Lakota Hardware	\$35.91
Michigan Hometown Foods	\$28.85
Nelson Cty Sheriff's Dept	\$926.10
Ness Press	
Nodak Electric	
ND Insurance Dept	\$887.94
Northern Technologies	\$2900.00
Ottertail Power	
Polar Comm	\$194.31
United Lab	\$1565.85
Verizon	\$118.15
Van Diest	\$864.00
Bank of North Dakota	\$26,525.00 (9-1-14)

Superintendent Cathi Fisk reported as follows:

1. Hydrants have been flushed, parts have been ordered. Cathi thanks Chris Anderson for assisting with several.
2. Cathi sprayed for mosquitoes 8 times in July, plus distributing briquettes in standing water
3. The new refrigerator for the Civic Center was delivered and the City has been reimbursed for the credit card charge by "Cans for a Cause"
4. 874,000 gallons of water was used in July
5. the Lagoon has been drained for the second time and should make it till Fall
6. Cathi asked about strobe lights for City vehicles as required by the ND Insurance Reserve report. Scott will check on them
7. The curb stops were discussed as to what needs to be repaired and or moved with the new water project
8. The North pump ran 86.5 hours
9. Cemetery maps were discussed
10. Cathi asked the Council for direction on continued mosquito spraying

Robbyn Maresh gave the financial reports. As of 6-30-14 the City has \$14,007.94 in uncollected Property Tax. The Red River Regional Council generator project has been submitted for reimbursement. Because the project was not completed in a timely matter this project cost the City an additional \$5530.27. Reimbursement should be \$18,985.00 with a total project cost of \$22,335.00.

After discussion Diane Schock made a motion to transfer \$2500.00 from the Social Security to the General Fund and to transfer \$2500.00 from the General into the Cemetery fund. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Hazard Mitigation Kick off meeting was attended by Mayor Rysavy on 7-30-14 in Lakota. The next meeting is on 9-17-14, all Council members are encouraged to attend
2. The proposed new water & sewer rates were discussed along with the comments of Eric Volk from ND Rural Water. Also discussed were changes to be made to Ordinance #132 regarding new water rates.

New rates will be:

- \$30.00 water monthly minimum charge 2,000 gallons
- \$3.00 for every 1000 gallons over the minimum of 2,000 gallons
- \$10.25 Sewer (USDA 14-1 new loan)
- \$12.00 Sewer
- \$3.00 Meter replacement fund
- \$1.00 Service charge (emergency fund for excavating in Spring)

Josh Forde made a motion to approve the new rates, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried. Eric Volk will be contacted so a Public meeting is held before the rate increase takes affect.

3. Snow, Cemetery, Sales Tax, Mowing and Compensation Ordinances were discussed. Council members were asked to review these and bring their changes and thoughts on them to the next meeting.
4. The ND Insurance Dept policy and schedule of property was discussed.
5. A letter from the City of Lakota asking for support for a proposal from VanGuard Appraisals for a Computer software system was discussed. VanGuard would come to each city, assess, provide software and property cards for new tax values. Michigan's share would be \$33,035.00. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to reject the proposal, seconded by Diane Schock, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Brager Disposal garbage contract and a dumpster on 1<sup>st</sup> Street were discussed. No action will be taken until the Council has reviewed a new contract from Brager.
2. Building permit applications from Allen Orwick and Donald Staniszewski were reviewed. Diane Schock made a motion to approve the permits. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.
3. A map of City Property was discussed.

Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Diane Schock, motion carried.

Next regular meeting Monday, September 8, 2014.