

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held Monday, April 4, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernie Linstad. Members present were Maria Vasichек, Scott Gilbertson, Scott Midstokke and Rodney Fisk. Absent none. Also present were Dan Johnson and Janet Dvorak.

The minutes from the meeting of March 1st were read and approved.

Dan discussed with the Council the following in regards to the Sewer Improvement project; settling of streets that were repaired last year, fencing that still has to be done around lagoon cells 2 and 3 and contacting Visu-Sewer about work that still needs to be done at the trailer court. Dan left the meeting at this time.

Janet Dvorak with Red River Regional Council discussed with the Council the grants she will writing for the City on a couple of Hazard Mitigation projects and what information she will be needing for the grants. The deadline for submitting the grants is April 29th. Janet left the meeting at this time.

The monthly financial statement and listing of bills were reviewed. Rodney Fisk made a motion to approve the financial statement and bill listing. Maria Vasichек seconded the motion with Fisk, Vasichек, Gilbertson and Midstokke voting in favor.

Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23668, \$2,390.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23669, \$258.58; N.D.P.E.R.S., Ck. 23670, \$296.32; Nelson County Sheriff's Dept., Ck. 23671, \$741.75; Brager's Disposal, Ck. 23672, \$1,968.75; Michigan JDA, Ck. 23673, \$4,928.56; Michigan Area Ambulance, Ck. 23674, \$821.42; Michigan Park District, Ck. 23675, \$410.71; Duffer's Club, Ck. 23676, \$410.71; Michigan Service Club, Ck. 23677, \$410.71; First United Bank-Agcom, Ck. 23678, \$1,809.00; NoDak Electric, Ck. 23679, \$30.00; Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23680, \$52.64; Randy Severson, Ck. 23681, \$320.00; Alltel, Ck. 23682, \$50.53; Grand Forks Fire Equip., Ck. 23683, \$790.50; State Tax Commissioner, Ck. 23684, \$201.60; Allen Fosnes, Ck. 23685, \$325.00; Polar Communications, Ck. 23686, \$154.47; Hoiberg's Office Supply, Ck. 23687, \$111.21; AmeriPride Services, Ck. 23688, \$58.42; Durbin Excavating, Ck. 23689, \$1,000.00; Ness Press, Ck. 23690, \$42.78; Otter Tail Power, Ck. 23691, \$1,475.56; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$571.60; Treasury Tax & Loan, \$370.00; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23692, \$16.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23693, \$277.05; Postmaster, Ck. 23694, \$29.00; Postmaster, Ck. 23695, \$88.00; Menards, Debit Card, \$20.97.

Jay stated that he talked to Mike Barney and they could work on the city shop once they complete the project they are on now.

The Council reviewed a draft on a new policing contract. If approved a cost increase would take effect January 1, 2012.

Other old business discussed included map holders for city maps, delinquent and past due water bills, grant writing class for Rita, splash blocks for rain gutters at civic center and pet ordinance.

The Council reviewed a bid from H & H Coatings to replace the light standard on the water tower. After discussion a motion was made by Rodney Fisk to accept the bid to have the light replaced. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Fisk, Gilbertson, Vasichек and Midstokke voting in favor.

Scott Midstokke made a motion to enter into a contract with the N.D. Department of Health for bacteriological analyses for the year 2011. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Midstokke, Gilbertson, Vasichек and Fisk voting in favor.

Jay stated that at least three of the welcome banners and some accessories need to be replaced. The Council said to go ahead and order them.

Jay also stated that belonged to Terry Antonson is now owned by Allan Anderson and that he was wondering who was liable for the delinquent water bill. The Council stated that he is not but to send a certified letter to Terry for collection or the bill will be turned over for collection.

Reminder that the Tax Equalization meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 5:00 p.m.

After reviewing ordinances from other cities the Council decided it needs to amend Ordinance #144 regarding unkept properties or pass a new ordinance which would allow the city to clean a property and then assess the property owner for cleaning it.

There was discussion on Lake Laretta. The water from town is still moving north towards the lake but the city may have to look at starting to pump soon.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.