City council Meeting August 1st, 2011,

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held Monday August 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernie Linstad. Members present were Maria Vasichek, Scott Gilbertson, Rodney Fisk. Absent was Scott Midstokke.

The minutes from the meeting of July 11, 2011 were read and approved.

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

Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23796, $2,454.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23797, $524.59; N.D.P.E.R.S., Ck. 23798, $296.32; Nelson County Sheriff's Dept., Ck. 23799, $741.75; Brager's Disposal, Ck. 23800, $1,968.75; Michigan Park District, Ck. 23801, $793.07; First United Bank-Agcom, Ck. 23802, $1,298.78; NoDak Electric, Ck. 23802, $36.00; Polar Communications, Ck. 23804, $147.76; Tom Gilbertson & Sons, Ck. 23805, $1,680.00; Tri-County Water, Ck. 23806, $562.50; Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23807, $100.00; Nelson County Clerk of Court, Ck. 23808, $40.00; Verizon Wireless, Ck. 23809, $51.80; Otter Tail Power, Ck. 23810, $1,157.10; Ness Press, Ck. 23811, $14.40; Michigan Hometown Foods, Ck. 23812, $38.75; AmeriPride Services, Ck. 23813, $60.53; Johnson's Excavating, Ck. 23814, $800.00; City of Lakota, Ck. 23815, $600.00; Central Plains Ag Services, Ck. 23816, $560.00; MyLife People Search, Debit Card, $17.85; First United Bank, Debit Card, $40.00; North Dakota One Call, Inc., Ck. 23817, $11.70; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23818, $16.00; Postmaster, Ck. 23819, $29.00; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, $582.50; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, $378.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23820, $623.29; Bank of North Dakota, Ck. 23821, $29,555.49; Menards, Debit Card, $407.03.

At this time Tyler Stephens entered the meeting. Tyler, a resident of Michigan, owns a pitbull and discussed with the Council the city's pet ordinance #146, article III, section 6, which states "It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor any vicious dog breeds in the City of Michigan City. This includes pitbulls. Tyler, with his pet present asked the Council for a waiver which would allow him to keep his pet in the city. After discussion the Council stated that they would discuss this and let him know of their decision. Tyler left the meeting at this time. After further discussion the Council made the decision to abide by the ordinance therefore would not allow for a waiver. Bernie will notify Tyler of their decision.

The drainage ditch at the cemetery has been completed. Jay stated that the surveyor will be here to survey for the road through the new addition. When completed Tri-County Water will set the culvert and build the approach.

Jay stated that H & H Coatings will be here tomorrow to clean and inspect the water tower and replace the light on the tower. Other old business discussed included the fire hydrant on first street that needs to be repaired; past due and delinquent water accounts and street signs that need to be put back up. Jay stated that the DOT will be here soon to place anchors for the street signs. Also, letters along with bills for mowing are to be sent out on the Andrew Helgeson and Jason Logsdon properties.

Jay Haugen and Scott Gilbertson are looking into shelving for the city shop. Some of the mess behind the city shop has been cleaned up.

Jay Haugen is to look into markers for the fire hydrants for the winter season.

Spraying for weeds still needs to be done at the cemetery and lagoon.

There was discussion regarding a formal complaint of rodents seen on the Jason Logsdon property. Jay will contact the city health inspector and city attorney about having the structures condemned.

Rita Hjelseth will be going back to 15 hours per week as of August 16th due to school starting.

Jay is to make some contacts regarding some street repairs before freeze up.

Mayor Linstad met with water board regarding a permanent pump station north of town.

There was discussion on the inert landfill. The landfill is being abused and the council is looking at options as to what can be done.

Rodney Fisk asked about replacing the stop signs on first street with yield signs. After discussion a motion was made by Rodney Fisk to make the change. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Fisk, Gilbertson and Vasichek voting in favor.

There was discussion on leaving the front door of the civic center to be used as a shelter during severe weather. All were in favor.

Jay Haugen is to contact Doug Moen when he is in town to blade in a drainage area in the alley south of the civic center to prevent water from pooling from sumps pumping to that area.

There was discussion regarding the sidewalk and curb in front of the Al Fosnes property on first street. Jay and Scott will talk to Al about this.

There was discussion regarding complaints on unkept properties in town.

Next City Council meeting will be Tuesday September 6th due to the Labor Day holiday.

Rod Fisk made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.