

December 5, 2011

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held December 5, 2011 at 5pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernie Linstad. Members present were Scott Midstokke, Maria Vasichek, Scott Gilbertson and Rod Fisk. Also present was Dan Johnson and PJ Haugen.

The minutes from the last meeting of November 7, 2011 were read and approved.

Dan Johnson stated that he does not see any problems with action taken by the council regarding purchases for a mower and ATV as long as it meets "Buy America" standards. He also stated that the Health Department will leave stimulus funds open until spring. No further information from the surveyor at this time on the cemetery addition.

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

Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23909, \$2,454.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23910, \$241.54; N.D.P.E.R.S., Ck. 23911, \$296.32; Nelson County Sheriff's Dept., Ck. 23912, \$741.75; Brager's Disposal, Ck. 23913, \$2,000.25; First United Bank-Agcom, Ck. 23914, \$2,045.34; Don Dvorak Gravel, Ck. 23915, \$1,232.00; Eberline Services, Ck. 23916, \$240.00; Polar Communications, Ck. 23917, \$153.83; Ferguson Waterworks, Ck. 23918, \$695.87; Ecolab, Ck. 23919, \$112.00; NoDak Electric, Ck. 23920, \$36.00; Verizon Wireless, Ck. 23921, \$74.04; Black Mountain Software, Ck. 23922, \$649.00; Michigan Hometown Foods, Ck. 23923, \$8.87; AmeriPride Services, Ck. 23924, \$60.53; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23925, \$16.00; North Dakota Water Users Association, Ck. 23926, \$100.00; Farmers Union Oil, Ck. 23927, \$470.61; Otter Tail Power, Ck. 23928, \$1,259.39; Ness Press, Ck. 23929, \$99.36; Manbeck Law Office, Ck. 23930, \$260.50; Red River Regional Council, Ck. 23931, \$1,589.51; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$494.74; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$370.00; Postmaster, Ck. 23932, \$58.00; North Dakota One Call, Inc., Ck. 23933, \$5.20; City of Lakota, Ck. 23934, \$540.00; Menards, Debit Card, \$80.84; Office Max, Debit Card, \$142.15; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23935, \$241.54.

Jay talked to Wally Rygh and he stated that the audit will not be ready until mid-December.

Randy Keitzman stated that he has checked his property and seen no signs of rodents,

There was discussion on the Joshua Rosenwaren property. Joshua has stated that he plans on just boarding it up for the winter months.

Jay stated that 3 fire hydrants have been repaired and that he started putting hydrant markers up for winter.

It was stated that Andrew Helgeson has been sent a bill for mowing his property but no payment has been received. This bill will be assessed to next year's taxes.

There was discussion on the new pumping site north of town. NoDak Electric has put in underground to the site and Ohnstad Electric has wired in the panel.

The City received a letter from Steve Neis to purchase Lot 1 and East 30.83 ft. of Lot 2, Block 3, O.T. and possibly move in a mobile home. After discussion a motion was made by Maria Vasichuk to propose a change in zoning from Residential to Residential Mobile Home on this property. Rodney Fisk seconded the motion with Vasichuk, Fisk, Gilbertson and Midstokke voting in favor. A meeting for a public hearing must be set and petitions must be signed by property owners within a 200 ft. radius of the property.

Jay stated that a check written to Red River Regional Council was lost and asked if he could go ahead and put a stop payment on that check and re-issue a new one.

Michigan Amoco submitted an application for a beer license and Sunday opening. Rodney Fisk made a motion to approve the license. Maria Vasichuk seconded the motion with Fisk, Vasichuk and Midstokke voting in favor. Gilbertson abstained from voting.

Wagon Wheel Bar & Grill, Inc. submitted applications for the Wagon Wheel Bar & Grill and Duffer's Club for Beer and Liquor licenses and Sunday opening. Scott Midstokke made a motion to approve the licenses. Maria Vasichuk seconded the motion with Midstokke, Vasichuk, Gilbertson and Fisk voting in favor.

Jay stated that he visited with Brian Osowski on refinancing a couple of debt service loans currently being financed through USDA Rural Development. He is to contact Brian and invite him to the next meeting to discuss this.

Jay stated that he talked with Shaun Watkins from Otter Tail Power about the light pole that had been knocked down south of the mall and asked if the city wanted to have it put back up. The Council decided that it was not needed at this time. He also stated that the underground is bad between 2 light standards along Highway 35 and needs to be fixed but at the city's expense.

There was discussion on the job openings for City Auditor and City Superintendent. Ads for the openings are to be placed in the Nelson County Arena, Lakota American and Grand Forks Herald through the end of the year. Applications will be reviewed at the regular meeting on January 3, 2012. Also at that time there will be discussion on salary, benefits, etc.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned.