

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held Monday, February 1, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen Orwick.

Members present were Scott Gilbertson and Elaine Larson. Also present was Dan Johnson.

The minutes from the meetings of January 4th and 18th were read and approved.

Dan Johnson presented a construction contract between the City of Michigan and Kvamsdal Construction. The City will have the City Attorney review the contract before taking any action. The Council reviewed bids from N.D. Sewage Pump Company and Water Smith, Inc. on a new pump for the main sewer lift. Dan left the meeting at this time.

The monthly and annual financial statements and listing of bills were reviewed. Elaine Larson made a motion to approve the financial statements and bill listing. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Larson and Gilbertson voting in favor.

There was discussion on the status of a couple of properties in town.

After discussion a motion was made by Scott Gilbertson to accept the bid from N.D. Sewage Pump Company for a new pump at the lift station. Elaine Larson seconded the motion with Gilbertson and Larson voting in favor.

Jay is to contact Sheriff Janke regarding having a car moved from a city street for snow removal.

There was discussion on placing brown park signs with arrows at the intersections of Broadway and South Street and Broadway and 3rd Street and a sign to be placed at the entrance of the park.

The Council reviewed a bid from Michigan Implement on a new mower. Elaine Larson made a motion to accept the bid. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Larson and Gilbertson voting in favor.

There was discussion on the upcoming city election. Mayor Orwick appointed Connie Schmidt as election inspector for the election.

Scott Midstokke entered the meeting.

Scott Gilbertson introduced the first reading of an ordinance granting to Viking Electronics, Inc. DBA Polar Cablevision a wholly owned subsidiary of Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corp. and a North Dakota Corporation, of the City of Park River, North Dakota, a franchise to establish, construct, operate and maintain a community television antenna system, for the purpose of transmitting and distributing television and radio signals by cable, and for sale to the inhabitants of the City Michigan

and other purposes and moved to approve the first reading. Elaine Larson seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Larson and Midstokke voting in favor.

There was discussion on cleaning snow from fire hydrants, wiring of the civic center for a standby generator for emergency purposes and painting an area of the civic center ceiling that is stained due to a water leak.

There was discussion regarding the effort to lower the level of Lake Laretta through an emergency pumping permit last fall and what impact this season's snowfall and additional precipitation may have on the area this spring.

Jeff Anderson entered the meeting.

The Council discussed possible ways of fairly assessing properties that will be affected by the Sewer Improvement Project. Jay is putting together a list of properties that are to be part of the assessment list for the Council to review.

Jeff Anderson talked with the Council about having the Civic Center wired for a standby generator and used for an emergency shelter if the need arises. He stated that the Fire Department may be able to share in the cost of the installation. Jay is to contact Ohnstad Electric to see what kind of funds we are looking at.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.