

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held Monday, February 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernie Linstad.

Members present were Maria Vasichuk and Rodney Fisk. Absent were Scott Gilbertson and Scott Midstokke.

The minutes from the meeting of January 3rd were read and approved.

The monthly and annual financial statement and listing of bills were reviewed. Maria Vasichuk made a motion to approve the monthly financial statement and listing of bills. Rodney Fisk seconded the motion with Vasichuk and Fisk voting in favor. The annual financial statement was tabled at this time.

Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23620, \$2,390.00; N.D.P.E.R.S., Ck. 23621, \$296.32; Nelson County Sheriff's Dept., Ck. 23622, \$741.75; Brager's Disposal, Ck. 23623, \$1,968.75; Michigan Park District, Ck. 23624, \$708.06; First United Bank-Agcom, Ck. 23625, \$1,865.80; NoDak Electric, Ck. 23626, \$30.00; N.D. Sewage Pump Company, Ck. 23627, \$350.00; Polar Communications, Ck. 23628, \$166.81; Alltel, Ck. 23629, \$50.63; Farmers Union Oil, Ck. 23630, \$1,216.05; Ness Press, Ck. 23631, \$28.80; Kvamsdal Construction, Ck. 23632, \$7,346.35; Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Ck. 23633, \$5,767.84; Workforce Safety & Insurance, Ck. 23634, \$488.62; Bank of North Dakota, Ck. 23635, \$2,731.73; Otter Tail Power, Ck. 23636, \$1,547.86; AmeriPride Services, Ck. 23637, \$116.84; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23638, \$16.00; Postmaster, Ck. 23639, \$144.00; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$489.60; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$370.00; Office Max, Debit Card, \$274.59; S.S.R. Pump Company, Ck. 23640, \$2,677.57; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23641, \$155.14.

A list of 4 applicants were interviewed for the part time city job. They included Vickie Miller, Eileen Henschel, Rita Hjelseth and Ellen Ringdahl. After discussion a motion was made by Maria Vasichuk to hire Rita Hjelseth at a starting wage of \$8.00 per hour for up to 15 hours per week. Rodney Fisk seconded the motion with Vasichuk and Fisk voting in favor.

Discussion of old business included the parking of trailers on city streets that affect snow removal efforts and past due water bills.

There was discussion on being ready to start pumping water this spring north of town and having a tractor available to run the pump.

Mayor Linstad received an estimate from S.S.R. Pump Company on a 16 inch pump. After discussion a motion was made by Rodney Fisk to purchase the pump. Maria Vasichuk seconded the motion with Fisk and Vasichuk voting in favor.

The City received an e-mail regarding the availability of Hazard Mitigation Project funding. After discussion a motion was made by Maria Vasichuk to contact Janet Dvorak from Red River Regional Council to write grants on behalf of the City on 4 city projects. Rodney Fisk seconded the motion with Vasichuk and Fisk voting in favor.

The city received a bid from Leading Edge Equipment on a new mower. After discussion it was decided to table this and talk to Lonnie Anderson about downsizing to make it more accessible around the cemetery.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Rodney Fisk made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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

The minutes from the meeting of February 7th were read and approved.

The monthly financial statement and listing of bills were reviewed. Maria Vasichек made a motion to approve the financial statement and bill listing. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Vasichек, Gilbertson and Midstokke voting in favor. Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23643, \$2,390.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23644, \$206.88; N.D.P.E.R.S., Ck. 23645, \$296.32; Nelson County Sheriff's Dept., Ck. 23646, \$741.75; Brager's Disposal, Ck. 23647, \$1,968.75; First United Bank-Agcom, Ck. 23648, \$2,052.77; Ohnstad Electric, Ck. 23649, \$3,457.79; Ecolab, Ck. 23650, \$106.50; Bernie Linstad, Ck. 23651, \$323.52; NoDak Electric, Ck. 23652, \$30.00; Polar Communications, Ck. 23653, \$153.13; Alltel, Ck. 23654, \$50.94; Farmers Union Oil, Ck. 23655, \$761.71; AmeriPride Services, Ck. 23656, \$58.42; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$549.56; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$370.00; Otter Tail Power, Ck. 23657, \$1,604.49; NDSU Extension Pesticide Program, Ck. 23658, \$140.00; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23659, \$16.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23660, \$236.42; Michigan Implement, Ck. 23661, \$1,100.00; Postmaster, Ck. 23662, \$100.00; North Dakota One Call, Inc., Ck. 23663, \$1.30.

The annual financial statement was reviewed. After discussion a motion was made by Scott Gilbertson to approve the annual financial statement. Scott Midstokke seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Midstokke and Vasichек voting in favor.

Discussion of old business included updates on pet license fees and past due water bills, purchasing markers for fire hydrants during winter months and timeline for Durbin Excavating to clean drainage ditches. Also, Mayor Linstad stated that it does not look good for a commitment from the state for the use of a tractor for the spring and summer months. There was also discussion on the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Jay has been in contact with Janet Dvorak with Red River Regional Council regarding this.

Mayor Linstad shared information he had on small claims court for delinquent water accounts. After discussion it was decided to first send certified letters to these account holders before taking further action.

Jay will talk to Mike Barney regarding a timeline for repairing the drainage problem at the city shop.

Mayor Linstad gave updates on meetings he attended regarding Lake Laretta dewatering efforts.

After discussion a motion to accept the bid from Leading Edge Equipment on a new mower was made by Scott Gilbertson. Scott Midstokke seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Midstokke and Vasichек voting in favor.

A quarterly sheriff's meeting with city leaders regarding contract police rates will be held Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the courthouse. Vasichек and Midstokke will attend.

The Council looked at brochures on mobile racks to hang city maps for easy access. Jay will check out Gaffaney's in Grand Forks when he gets a chance.

There was also discussion on painting marks on curbs where gate valves for water mains are located.

Jay stated that there is a cemetery CD due and asked the Council how much should be transferred to passbook. There was discussion on how much work still needs to be done on the cemetery addition. Maria Vasichuk made a motion to transfer the full amount of the CD to cemetery passbook. Scott Midstokke seconded the motion with Vasichuk, Midstokke and Gilbertson voting in favor.

Rita volunteered to take a grant writing class at Lake Region State College this summer.

There was discussion on city help for the summer. It was decided to wait until April to put an ad in the newspaper.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.