

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held Monday, May 2, 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 Rodney Fisk. Also present was Dan Johnson.

The minutes from the meetings of April 4th and 12th were read and approved.

Dan Johnson reported on items from the punch list that still need to be completed and tentative start date for fencing around cells 2 and 3. He also stated that most of the streets seem to be returning back to normal. Dan presented a pay request from Kvamsdal Construction for extra asphalt. After discussion a motion was made by Scott Gilbertson to approve pay request #8 for payment. Maria Vasichек seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Vasichек and Midstokke voting in favor. Dan left the meeting at this time.

The monthly financial statement and listing of bills were reviewed. Maria Vasichек made a motion to approve the financial statement and bill listing. Scott Midstokke seconded the motion with Vasichек, Midstokke and Gilbertson voting in favor. Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23696, \$2,454.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23697, \$188.70; N.D.P.E.R.S., Ck. 23698, \$296.32; Nelson County Sheriff's Dept., Ck. 23699, \$741.75; Brager's Disposal, Ck. 23700, \$2,016.00; Michigan Park District, Ck. 23701, \$731.01; First United Bank-Agcom, Ck. 23702, \$2,924.60; Nardini Fire Equipment Co., Ck. 23703, \$140.50; NoDak Electric, Ck. 23704, \$36.00; Polar Communications, Ck. 23705, \$163.67; Alltel, Ck. 23706, \$51.86; Farmers Union Oil, Ck. 23707, \$539.97; Ness Press, Ck. 23708, \$78.54; Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corp., Ck. 23709, \$131.16; Lakota Hardware, Ck. 23710, \$233.98; Tri-County Water, Ck. 23711, \$437.50; Otter Tail Power, Ck. 23712, \$1,326.88; AmeriPride Services, Ck. 23713, \$58.42; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23714, \$16.00; Display Sales, Ck. 23715, \$804.70; North Dakota One Call, Inc., Ck. 23716, \$10.40; Lake Region State College, Debit Card, \$95.00; First United Bank, Debit Card, \$40.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23717, \$18.54; Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23718, \$192.00; Postmaster, Ck. 23719, \$58.00; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$287.56; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$370.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23720, \$300.39; Menards, Debit Card, \$294.13.

Kelly Janke entered the meeting. He discussed with the Council the policing contract with the City and proposed increase in cost to contracted cities. Increase if approved will begin January 1, 2012. Contracts from that time on would be for 3 year periods. Kelly left the meeting at this time.

Discussion of old business included work that still needs to be done to the city shop, hazard mitigation grants that have been completed but will talk to Janet Dvorak for grant writing fees whether grants are awarded or not, replacing light and service contract on water tower should be done sometime in May, checking on someone to fix a couple of fire hydrants, amending pet ordinance to read pet licenses due January 1st yearly and to check with other cities to see what they use to hang city maps. Jay stated that he talked to BNSF Railroad on condition of crossing on Broadway and found out that the city would be responsible for 80% of repairs. He is to contact the Minneapolis office to confirm this.

Maria Vasichек introduced the first reading and moved for its approval, an ordinance which would allow the City to clean up an unkept property and if not paid for these services may assess that property for costs for cleanup. Scott Midstokke seconded the motion with Vasichек, Midstokke and Gilbertson all voting in favor.

Rita stated that there is a grant writing class she can sign up for at Lake Region State College beginning later this month. Scott Midstokke made a motion to pay the \$95.00 fee for Rita to take the class. Maria Vasichuk seconded the motion with Midstokke, Vasichuk and Gilbertson voting in favor.

Gordon Maresh submitted an application to move in a new 8 x 10 storage shed on his property. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve the permit. Maria Vasichuk seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Vasichuk and Midstokke voting in favor.

There was discussion on delinquent water accounts. Jay is to contact City Attorney Doug Manbeck about taking them to small claims court.

The City received 3 applications for the part time city job. After discussion a motion was made by Scott Gilbertson to hire Rita Hjelseth at \$8.00 per hour for up to 40 hours a week for city maintenance and office work. Maria Vasichuk seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Vasichuk and Midstokke voting in favor.

A motion was made by Maria Vasichuk to purchase a push mower for the city. Scott Midstokke seconded the motion with Vasichuk, Midstokke and Gilbertson voting in favor.

Jay will contact Brager's Disposal about getting a roll off dumpster for spring clean up somewhere around the middle of May.

Jay will also contact the City of Lakota about sweeping streets before Memorial Day and then setting it up for every year for prior to Memorial Day, Michigan Days and again in the fall.

Jay has talked to Great Plains Excavating about doing some work at the cemetery but it will be at least a month before they can get here.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.