

November 7, 2011

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held November 7, 2011 at 5:00pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernie Linstad. Members present were Scott Midstokke, Maria Vasichuk, Scott Gilbertson and Rod Fisk. Also present was Ben Varnson and Gene Gehrke with the Nelson County Water Resource District and PJ Haugen.

The minutes from the last meeting of October 5, 2011 were read and approved.

Ben Varnson and Gene Gehrke with the Nelson County Water Board came and discussed that the Michigan Spillway was approved last week with some conditions added. Ben Varnson went over some details regarding the Michigan Spillway and what will be worked on in the next two years. They will be installing and running electrical wires to the new construction area and along with Matajcek Dam with the design and pump station. Ben Varnson and Gene Gehrke left the meeting at this time.

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

Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23878, \$2,454.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23879, \$226.44; N.D.P.E.R.S., Ck. 23880, \$296.32; Nelson County Sheriff's Dept., Ck. 23881, \$741.75; Brager's Disposal, Ck. 23882, \$3,391.75; Kvamsdal Construction, Ck. 23883, \$58,433.54; Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Ck. 23884, \$2,783.10; First United Bank-Agcom, Ck. 23885, \$234.15; NoDak Electric, Ck. 23886, \$36.00; Polar Communications, Ck. 23887, \$155.46; Michigan Park District, Ck. 23888, \$987.77; Rod's Auto Body, Ck. 23889, \$139.99; Hawkins, Inc., Ck. 23890, \$701.33; Safeguard Business Systems, Ck. 23891, \$223.84; AVENET, LLC., 23892, \$350.00; Grand Forks Fire Equipment, Ck. 23893, \$98.00; Farmers Union Oil, Ck. 23894, \$76.75; Carl Bailey, Ck. 23895, \$100.00; Ness Press, Ck. 23896, \$69.00; Display Sales, Ck. 23897, \$35.48; Hy-Z Wireless, Ck. 23898, \$330.00; Verizon Wireless, Ck. 23899, \$96.21; Otter Tail Power, Ck. 23900, \$1,033.36; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23901, \$16.00; AmeriPride Services, Ck. 23902, \$60.53; Hoiberg's Office Supply, Ck. 23903, \$38.17; J.P. Cooke Company, Ck. 23904, \$76.22; Melvin Wenstad, Ck. 23905, \$35.00; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$489.44; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$370.00; Postmaster, Ck. 23906, \$58.00; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23907, 249.10; Postmaster, Ck. 23908, \$44.00.

A motion was made to accept a bid from Leading Edge Equipment on a John Deere XUV 825i Gator was made by Rod Fisk and seconded by Scott Gilbertson with Fisk, Gilbertson, Midstokke, and Vasichuk all in favor.

A motion to accept a bid from Leading Edge Equipment on a Frontier RC2084 Lift-Type Rotary Mower was made by Scott Gilbertson and seconded by Rod Fisk with Gilbertson, Midstokke, Vasichuk and Fisk all voting in favor. Both motions are concurrent on approval of the funding agency.

It was discussed if we have heard anything from Dan Johnson on if the punchlist items have been completed so the project can be closed out or anything from the surveyor on the cemetery addition.

Jason Logdson property and that he was giving over the property to the city of Michigan. Jason was notified that a quit claim deed is here for him to sign and he stated that he would be here on the 8th to sign the property over.

Some parts had to be ordered for the fire hydrant by the mall and when those parts come in Bob Shelstad will be back to repair the fire hydrant.

It was discussed that Michigan City Insurance will not pay for Keith Wood's tailgate on his pickup so the Park Board and the City of Michigan will pay \$250.00 each to get his pickup repaired. Scott Midstokke made a motion to approve and Maria Vasichек seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Midstokke, Vasichек and Fisk all in favor.

Wally Rygh was a no show with the 2009 and 2010 audit reports.

Scott Gilbertson brought up that the new addition at the cemetery will not be worked and seeded until spring because conditions will not allow it.

The Council discussed putting up "Slow Children at Play" signs on highway 35.

A letter from Brager's Disposal stating an increase of \$1.00 per month per resident was discussed. The increase would take effect January 1, 2012. Maria Vasichек made a motion to approve the \$1.00 increase and Rod Fisk seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Midstokke, Fisk and Vasichек all in favor. It was also stated that snowbirds would pay garbage rates on a monthly basis whether they were gone or not.

After discussion regarding the Laurie Rainsberry property it was decided to wait until spring to send a letter.

It was brought up regarding Josh Rosewaren property fire about will be done about the debris left on the property. It was suggested that Jay call Josh and ask him to come to the next meeting and discuss what will be happening with the property.

The City received a letter from Steve Nies stating that he is interested in purchasing city owned property described as Lot 1 and E. 30.83 ft of Lot 2, Block 3, Original Townsite and that he would like to put a mobile home on the property. The council decided to have a letter sent to the Mr. Nies regarding the property and that they would need to get signatures from the neighboring property owners of said property regarding a zoning change from residential to residential mobile home and to send pictures of the mobile home to the City. Maria Vasichек made a motion to accept with Rod Fisk seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Fisk, Midstokke, and Vasichек all in favor.

There was discussion on a couple of areas that need some oil mix before winter.

A letter was presented to the City Council from Jay Haugen stating that he will be retiring after 20 years of service on March 1st, 2012. A motion was made by Rod Fisk to accept the letter with a second from Scott Midstokke with Gilbertson, Fisk, Vasichak, and Midstokke all in favor.

Complaints were received regarding a dog owned by Douglas Reese. A letter and copy of the city pet ordinance and how the law will be contacted will be sent to the owner.

There has been a complaint of rodents seen around the Randy Keitzman property.

Side note, job description from Jay ASAP and then e-mail it to council members.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned.