

City Council meeting October 5, 2011

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held October 5, 2011 at 5:00pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernie Linstad. Members present were Scott Gilbertson, Maria Vasichuk, and Scott Midstokke. Absent was Rod Fisk.

The minutes from the last meeting of September 6, 2011 were read and approved with the addition to the complaint from Arliss Spillane regarding the cement work that needs to be done to the Al Fosnes property.

Dan Johnson entered the meeting at this time and discussed the financial issues with the lagoon and trailer court, along with the concerns of the road north of the lagoon and the condition of the road; there was a complaint from Allen Anderson regarding the area that Vision Sewer took care of. The City Council asked Dan if you could get someone out there and get the issues taken care of before the next meeting. Dan also brought up that there is some money left in the fund and that would be able to purchase a mower along with a ATV and sprayer to take care of the lagoon. Dan presented pay request #10 for payment, a motion to approve payment was made by Scott Midstokke and seconded by Scott Gilbertson, with Gilbertson, Midstokke, and Vasichuk all in favor.

Dan also brought up about their weekly staff meetings on projects and they noticed that the surveyor needs to finish the plot placement out at the Michigan Cemetery on the new addition and that it is on their list of things to do this month. Dan Johnson left the meeting at this time.

Elaine Larson joined the meeting at this time and she was wondering about the Logsdon property and if anything will be happening with it. We explained that papers have been sent out. Mayor Bernie Linstad placed a call to Mr. Logdson and left a message on his phone regarding the papers that were sent and if we can proceed on the property. Elaine left the meeting at this time.

The monthly financial statement and listing of bills were reviewed. Maria Vasichuk made a motion to approve the financial statement and bill listing. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Vasichuk, Gilbertson, and Midstokke voting in favor.

Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23851, \$249.10; Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23852, \$2,454.00; N.D.P.E.R.S., Ck. 23853, \$296.32; Nelson County Sheriff's Dept., Ck. 23854, \$741.75; Brager's Disposal, Ck. 23855, \$2,106.00; Michigan JDA, Ck. 23856, \$4,480.63; Michigan Area Ambulance, Ck. 23857, \$746.77; Michigan Park District, Ck. 23858, \$373.38; Duffer's Club, Ck. 23859, \$373.38; Michigan Service Club, Ck. 23860, \$373.38; First United Bank-Agcom, Ck. 23861, \$299.97; Don Dvorak Gravel, Ck. 23862, \$880.00; State Tax Commissioner, Ck. 23863, \$205.80; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23864, \$57.94; Polar Communications, Ck. 23865, \$150.14; Verizon Wireless, Ck. 23866, \$51.80; NoDak Electric, Ck. 23867, \$36.00; Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23868, \$25.00; Postmaster, Ck. 23869, \$102.00; Ferguson Waterworks, Ck. 23870, \$229.99; AmeriPride Services, Ck. 23871, \$60.53; Otter Tail Power, Ck. 23872, \$1,001.92; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23873, \$16.00; Ness Press, Ck. 23874, \$92.34; Leading Edge Equipment, Ck. 23875, \$15.98;

First United Bank, Debit Card, \$100.00; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$488.34; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$370.00; North Dakota One Call, Inc., Ck. 23876, \$14.30; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23877, \$226.44.

Bernie has not talked to Al Fosnes yet, but the council agrees that the city should pay something on the cement work.

Allen Forde as asked if he could get some gravel and blading done on the street from his residence to Nelson County Housing.

It was brought to the city Council that some equipment should be purchased for a sprayer, ATV and a mower for the lagoon and that we need to get two bids. Jay is to ask Leading Edge Equipment and Titan Machinery to get those sent over to Dan Johnson as soon as possible so that a request can be made for those purchases.

Jay stated that everything has been taken out of the bus barn and he will be working on the pile behind the shop.

The city wide cleanup is set for October 6th to the 16th.

Batteries were discussed for the siren warning system and that ~~8~~⁴ of them need to be replaced and purchased. It was also discussed that the fire department is responsible for sounding the alarm for bad weather.

A new letter will be sent to Jason Logsdon regarding and agreeing to that it will be a training exercise for the Fire Department and to pull out the car that is in the garage, and Jason Logsdon also requested that if possible he would like to be present at the time of the training and that we do need to call him when this is going to happen. The time will be called by the fire department at their availability and weather condition.

Jay is to call and talk with Bob Shelstad at Ferguson Water Works regarding the fire hydrant by the café. Jay will also get the poles for the fire hydrants and will be putting them on. It was brought up about having Doug Moen blade and dig a small ditch by the civic center. Jay will also call and talk to Tri-county and the County Highway Department about the approach at the cemetery.

Past due bills were discussed and sent out.

It was brought up to the council members that Scott Gilbertson should be compensated for all the hard work that he has put into at the cemetery on the new addition along with the work that he has done in the shop with the shelves. This was put on hold till the cemetery gets done.

Jay discussed the condition of the pickup and to have the pickup check for a noise the he hears.

A bid for painting the civic center was presented and will be tabled at this time.

H & H coating contract was discussed and motion was made by Scott Gilbertson to accept the contract. Maria Vasichek seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Midstokke and Vasichek all in favor.

Maria Vasichек brought up that Keith Woods accidently backed into the end gate on his vehicle when he was taking out the snow plow from the bus barn and was wondering if the city is liable for something like that and if the city insurance would pay for the damages.

A discussion on the status of the 2009 and the 2010 audit from Wally Rygh. Jay said that Wally was working on it and should be done by the November meeting.

The 2012 Annual budget was reviewed. Scott Midstokke made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Midstokke, Gilbertson and Vasichек voting in favor.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn, meeting adjourned.