

MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL

Regular meeting

February 4, 2013

The Michigan City Council held its regular meeting February 4, 2013. Acting Mayor Scott Gilbertson called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Council Members Kathy Gilbertson, Rod Fisk, and Scott Midstokke were all present. Also present were City Engineer Dan Johnson, City Superintendent Cathy Fisk, Ron Nelson, Dee Nelson and Lauri Rysavy.

Acting Mayor Gilbertson read the minutes from the November 2, 2012 unofficial meeting. Rod Fisk made a motion to approve those minutes and Scott Midstokke second the motion. The minutes from the Special meeting held November 2, 2012 at 5:00pm were read by Scott Gilbertson; Scott Midstokke made a motion to approve, second by Rod Fisk.

The minutes from the January 7, regular meeting were read by acting Mayor Gilbertson. After discussion and several corrections a motion was made by Rod Fisk and second by Kathy Gilbertson to approve those minutes.

Scott Gilbertson asked City Engineer Dan Johnson for his report. Mr. Johnson reported on the cost and process of replacing all water meters in town so they could be remotely read. He also discussed with Council members the updating all of the City's water & sewer maps. He is trying to close out the Sewer project but is waiting for receipts. Dan Johnson will attend next month's regular Council meeting. He left the meeting at 5:30pm.

After a review of all bills presented, Rod Fisk made a motion to approve as presented, second by Scott Midstokke, motion carried. Current bank statements were reviewed.

An estimate from SSR Pump Co was presented regarding a frame for the Lift station. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Rod Fisk to table the discussion until after the revisit by WSI scheduled for February 12, 2013. Scott Midstokke second, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding replacing all water meters. Cathy Fisk commented on how a new system would improve accuracy and unaccounted for water usage. Ferguson Waterworks gave an estimate last fall for \$57,000 which includes new meters, install and software. It was decided the Council needs to look at fund balances and do further research on the project.

Acting Mayor Gilbertson brought up the tax status of abandoned property owned by Keitzman and Rosewarn in the City.

Other old business discussed was a need for new water and sewer maps which could be provided by Widseth, Smith, and Nolting. Cathy Fisk will speak to City

Engineer Dan Johnson about providing us with a sample before any decision is made. Also discussed was property owned by Laurie Rainsberry and her moving a building from said property. The Council talked about their concerns regarding the clean up after any buildings being moved.

City Superintendent, Cathy Fisk reported she will be attending Operator Training in Park River, February 26 and “Water Classes” in Bismarck Mar 4 – 6, 2013. Cathy also reported that the Fire Department wants to pay for half of the cost of the O2 monitor the City purchased.

A discussion of City ordinances followed which included the Second reading of No 160 regarding fees for records produced /copied for City Residents. A motion was made by Rod Fisk to approve the Second reading, second by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried.

Current Ordinance 132 regarding water deposits was reviewed. Scott Midstokke made a motion to amend, second by Rod Fisk, motion carried. The second reading of Ordinance No 132 will be held at the regular March meeting scheduled for Monday, March 4 at 5:00pm.

After discussion on an Ordinance regarding noise and prohibiting the use of compression brakes in the City Limits it was decided to have Robbyn call The McVille City office to see how their ordinance reads. Robbyn was also instructed to call the League of Cities and order a CD on proper writing on Ordinances.

Ron and Dee Nelson left the meeting at 6:45pm.

The minutes from the Special meeting held on January 31, 2013 were read and approved with a motion for approval made by Rod Fisk, second by Scott Midstokke.

Discussion followed on Collection letters for past due water bills. It was decided that Cathy Fisk will read the water meters around the 17th of each month.

Acting Mayor Scott Gilbertson brought up the Special Mayoral election to be held on March 12, 2013. An ad will be published along with a sample ballot.

Rod Fisk made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Scott Midstokke, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.