

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held Tuesday September 6, 2011 at 5:00pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernie Linstad. Members present were Maria Vasichек, Scott Midstokke, and Rod Fisk. Absent was Scott Gilbertson.

The minutes from the meeting of August 1, 2011 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 Midstokke seconded the motion with Vasichек, Fisk, and Midstokke voting in favor.

Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23822, \$3,114.45; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23823, \$241.54; Aaron Holmes, Ck. 23824, \$20,200.00; N.D.P.E.R.S., Ck. 23825, \$296.32; Nelson County Sheriff's Dept., Ck. 23826, \$741.75; Brager's Disposal, Ck. 23827, \$2,000.25; First United Bank-Agcom, Ck. 23828, \$2,752.98; NoDak Electric, Ck. 23829, \$36.00; Prairie Builders, Ck. 23830, \$1,599.85; H & H Coatings, Inc., Ck. 23831, \$3,300.00; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23832, \$40.02; Zacha Plumbing & Heating, Ck. 23833, \$661.11; Newman Traffic Signs, Ck. 23834, \$62.35; Alvin G. Haugen, Ck. 23835, \$75.00; Ecolab, Ck. 23836, \$112.00; AT&T Mobility, Ck. 23837, \$3.29; Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corporation, Ck. 23838, \$249.50; Polar Communications, Ck. 23839, \$152.60; North Dakota League of Cities, Ck. 23840, \$115.00; Verizon Wireless, Ck. 23841, \$97.23; Tri-County Water, Ck. 23842, \$750.00; Grand Forks Fire Equip., Ck. 23843, \$119.00; Michigan Hometown Foods, Ck. 23844, \$26.26; AmeriPride Services, Ck. 23845, \$60.53; N.D. Department of Health, Ck. 23846, \$16.00; Otter Tail Power, Ck. 23847, \$1,017.19; Rita Hjelseth, Ck. 23848, \$196.26; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$642.64; Treasury Tax & Loan, ACH, \$382.00; Ohnstad Electric, Ck. 23849, \$20.69; Postmaster, Ck. 23850, \$58.00.

Elaine Larson entered the meeting. She discussed with the Council the condition of the Jason Logsdon property. Jay stated that he has talked to Jason and was told that he will be here in the next week to clean it up at which time Jay will talk to him again regarding other concerns. Elaine also asked about the potholes in the street in front of her property and weeds that were not sprayed this summer. As for the potholes, Jay stated that the DOT will be doing some street repairs to the frontage road at which time he will get some oil mix to fill the holes. Elaine left the meeting at this time.

There was discussion on the street and sidewalk in front of the former Johnson store building. The street was to be repaired but the sidewalk area needs to be taken care first. Al Fosnes will be responsible for those repairs. The City also received a formal complaint from Arliss Spillane regarding the weeds in front of and the east side of the building.

*\$ Cement missing in front  
of Johnson  
store.*

There was discussion on the cemetery. Tri-County Water has set the culvert and started building the approach but has run short of material to finish it. Jay will contact the County Highway Dept. about getting more fill.

There was discussion on spraying that still needs to be done at the cemetery and lagoon. There was also discussion on purchasing equipment to do this beyond this year but finding something to get it done this year.

Shelving for the city shop is up and everything including what is left in the bus barn will be put away yet this fall.

After discussion it was decided to advertise for bids to paint and/or steel siding for the civic center to get an idea what each would cost.

Jay is to go ahead and order 10 fire hydrant markers from Northern Water Works Supply.

Past due water accounts were discussed and letters have been sent out.

The street has been repaired in front of Lonnie Gestson's for \$1,000.00. Lonnie is aware that he is responsible for the cost. A letter will be sent asking that he pay this over a period of time until paid in full.

**The Council reviewed a new service contract from H & H Coatings, Inc. for cleaning and inspection of the water tower. Action was tabled at this time.**

After discussion a motion was made by Rod Fisk to transfer to the Street Fund, \$16,000.00 from the Sinking Fund Street Improvement 94-1 and \$9,000.00 as a loan from the City Revitalization Fund to help with the cost of a street repair project that was done. Scott Midstokke seconded the motion with Fisk, Midstokke and Vasichек voting in favor.

Jay stated that the backup batteries for the warning siren need to be replaced. Maria Vasichек made a motion that we purchase 6 new batteries. Rod Fisk seconded the motion with Vasichек, Fisk and Midstokke voting in favor.

The preliminary budget for the year 2012 was reviewed. Rodney Fisk made a motion to approve the preliminary budget. Maria Vasichек seconded the motion with Fisk, Vasichек and Midstokke voting in favor. Final budget hearing will be at the next regular meeting.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 5, 2011 at 5pm.

Scott Midstokke made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.