

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was held Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bernie Linstad.

Members present were Maria Vasichuk, Scott Gilbertson and Rodney Fisk. Absent Scott Midstokke. Also present were Dan Johnson and Chris Jordheim.

The minutes from the meetings of August 2nd and 16th were read and approved.

Chris Jordheim presented drawings for the cemetery addition. He stated that the cost to the city for surveying and platting for the new addition will not exceed \$1,500.00. There was discussion on drainage issues at the cemetery. The Council asked if Chris could take some elevation shots going north along the road ditch to see what options the city had going that way. He stated that he can have some information for the next meeting.

Dan reported on the progress of the sewer project. He presented a pay request from Kvamsdal Construction for work completed. After review a motion to approve pay request #3 was made by Scott Gilbertson. Rodney Fisk seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Fisk and Vasichuk voting in favor. Dan also presented a change order for increased costs of \$18,505.01. After review a motion was made by Maria Vasichuk to approve change order #2. Rodney Fisk seconded the motion Vasichuk, Fisk and Gilbertson voting in favor. Dan and Chris left the meeting at this time.

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

There was discussion on renovation of the city shop. Jay will call Zacha Plumbing & Heating to order a furnace. A bid from Prairie Builders along with a completion date of October 29th was reviewed. Not included in the bid is concrete work to alleviate drainage issues with the shop floor. Options are still being looked at. Bernie will contact C2 Plumbing from Park River to look at it also. A motion to accept the bid was made by Rodney Fisk. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion with Fisk, Gilbertson and Vasichuk voting in favor. Ohnstad Electric will do the electrical work.

The Council discussed the landfill issue. It was decided to get it cleaned up and to monitor it closely while it is open for fall cleanup.

Two at-large members need to be appointed to the JDA board. Appointments are tabled at this time while seeking persons who may be interested in serving on the board.

Jay reported that he talked to Ray Morrell with N.D. Department of Emergency Services about the Hazard Mitigation Projects that were submitted. He stated that due to funding committed to other areas the city's chances are very slim. Jay will still talk to Janet Dvorak with Red River Regional Council to get an idea what it would cost to have the grants written to see if it would be worth taking that chance.

Maria Vasichек received a bid from Nathan Flom for mowing the cemetery and also checked with other cities on what they charge for cemetery lots. There was discussion on whether it would be cost effective to hire someone to maintain the cemetery, the possibility of increasing the charge for cemetery lots and the bid from David Groven to come in and repair and straighten some of the existing monuments. Maria Vasichек made a motion to accept the bid from David Groven of which the cemetery fund will pay half the cost with St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church already committed to pay the remainder. Rodney Fisk seconded the motion with Vasichек, Fisk and Gilbertson voting in favor. The other issues are tabled at this time.

The Council reviewed the preliminary budget for the year 2011. After discussion a motion was made by Scott Gilbertson to approve the preliminary budget. Maria Vasichек seconded the motion with Gilbertson, Vasichек and Fisk voting in favor.

Rodney Fisk made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.