

Michigan City Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 2, 2015

The Michigan City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the City Office. Mayor Lauri Rysavy called the meeting to order. In attendance were Council members Diane Schock, Kathy Gilbertson, and Josh Forde and Superintendent Cathi Fisk. Councilman Scott Gilbertson was absent. Also attending the meeting were resident Jack Donaghy and Sheriff Keith Olson.

Jack Donaghy stated that his reason for attending was to Thank the City for their time and a job well done.

Mayor Rysavy stated she found a “mystery” live plant delivered to her home anonymously with a card labeled “To the Best Mayor”. She would like to thank whoever sent the gift.

Sheriff Keith Olson reported on the number of calls for the past months and an increase in burglaries in the County. He also asked the Council for any concerns they may have.

After review Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1-12-15 Council meeting. Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried.

The February bills submitted were reviewed. Diane Schock made the motion to approve payment, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried.

February 2015 bills approved

City Employees	\$4356.72
Agcom	\$244.25
Ameripride	\$119.37
Bank of N D	\$6225.00
Brager Disposal	\$2000.25
Cardmember Service	\$579.40
Farmers Union Oil Co	\$1133.58
Ferguson Waterworks	\$1208.80
Grand Forks Utility Billing	\$26.00
H & H Coatings, Inc	\$220.00
J.P. Cooke Co	\$63.39
Lakota Hardware	
LFS Professional Services	\$97.00
Michigan Hometown Foods	
ND One Call	
Nelson Cty Sheriff’s Dept	\$1014.30
Ness Press	
Nodak Electric	
ND Insurance Dept	\$85.89
Ottertail Power	

Polar Comm	\$219.44
United Lab	\$1407.06
Verizon	
WSI	\$1381.38

City Superintendent Cathi Fisk gave her report:

1. 518,000 gallons of water were used last month and 72,000 gallons lost
2. the Siren has new batteries and the light on the Water Tower has been replaced
3. the remainder of information needed by the ND Insurance Dept has been submitted
4. there has been ice in the Water Tower resulting in the need for drainage
5. leaks in the Water Treatment plant are being repaired by Klemetsrud Plumbing
6. She has made a list of properties the City owns

Auditor, Robbyn Maresh gave the financial report. Diane Schock made a motion to transfer \$1200 from the General Fund to the Advertising Fund. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried. Josh Forde made a motion to transfer \$5000 from the General Fund to the Civic Center Fund. Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried. Letters will be sent to those with Past Due water bills, nonpayment will result in turn off. Letters will also be sent to several property owners whose tenants have Past Due bills. If they remain unpaid these charges will be added to their Special Assessments.

Old Business:

1. After review and changes the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #132 (amended) was held. Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to accept, Diane Shock seconded the motion, motion carried.
2. After review Diane Schock made a motion to abolish Ordinance #123 and use Ordinance #139. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.
3. The need for a Building Permit Ordinance was discussed. Several examples from other Cities were reviewed. Council members were asked to bring an outline to the March meeting.

New Business:

1. A building permit from Marvin Hanson for new construction was reviewed. Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to approve, Josh Forde seconded the motion, motion carried.
2. A letter from Arliss Spillane offering to buy Lot #1, Block 20 was discussed. Diane Schock made a motion to accept her offer of \$50 for the property. Josh Forde seconded the motion, motion carried.
3. A bill from Klemetsrud Plumbing submitted by Tony Lamb was discussed. City policy states Curb stops are City owned and maintained. The City paid for the replacement of the Curb stop. The homeowner is responsible for repairs from the street to their structure. Josh Forde made a motion to deny payment, Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried.

Trent Adams, Nelson County Deputy entered the meeting at 7:30 pm to introduce himself to the Council.

3. Lawnmower trade-in/purchase was discussed. The Council asked Cathi for ideas. Cathi said no bagger is needed but a larger deck and a mulcher would be helpful. The need for a second mower was also discussed. Cathi will get quotes.
4. Mayor Lauri Rysavy stated that a Fundraiser for the Cemetery is being planned. It would be held February 15 in the Civic Center and teaches Authentic Mexican cooking. The price is \$25 per person which includes samples and recipes.
5. Mayor Rysavy also mentioned the price of Cemetery plots, and the lack of revenue for the Civic Center and the Cemetery Funds.

A Special Meeting will be held on Thursday February 12, 2015 at 12:00 pm. On the agenda is the 2nd reading of Ordinance #132 (amended) and bids for the lawnmower trade or purchase.

Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Diane Schock, motion carried.

Next Regular meeting Monday, March 2, 2015 at 5:00 pm