

Michigan City Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 3, 2014

The Michigan City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the City office. Mayor Lauri Rysavy called the meeting to order. In attendance were Council members Kathy Gilbertson, Rod Fisk, Scott Gilbertson, and City Superintendent Cathy Fisk. Council member Scott Midstokke was absent. Others in attendance were Les Noehre of the ND Dot, Josh Olson from Apex Engineering, Frank Rysavy, Greg Daws, Bruce Ellertson, Jim Vasichek, Al Fosnes, Gordie Maresh, Roger Schwan, John Steffan, Dan Reineke, and Keith Olson.

Josh Olson from Apex Engineering outlined the proposed changes and improvements to the Michigan bypasses. This change involves the closing of 2 of the 4 bypasses in regards to Highway 2, with construction in 2015. Les Noehre discussed options and safety issues in regards to these bypasses to Highway 2. Josh and Les answered questions from meeting visitors and Council members. Comment sheets are available at the City office and need to be mailed or emailed to Apex Engineering by February 11, 2014. Mr. Olson, Mr. Noehre, and other visitors exited the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Keith Olson introduced himself to the City Council as the newly appointed Sheriff of Nelson County. Sheriff Olson asked that we keep him and his department informed of any of the City's needs and concerns. Keith Olson exited the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Rod Fisk made a motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2014, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried. Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of January 23, 2014. Rod Fisk seconded the motion, motion carried.

After review and discussion Rod Fisk made a motion to approve the February bills. The motion was seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried.

Superintendent Cathy Fisk reported on:

- Water usage and loss
- Lawnmower bid from Leading Edge
- North lift pump
- 10 hours overtime for January
- Snow removal using the truck and the blower

Auditor Robbyn Maresh reported on past due water bills. Member Rod Fisk will contact Pete Nenow regarding his past due bill and water service shut off. Discussion followed on various financial reports submitted to the Council.

New and Old Business:

Mayor Rysavy reported on the meeting she and Robbyn Maresh attended at the County Courthouse regarding the upcoming June 10, 2014 election. She outlined the City and

County duties for this election and various positions open for re-election. The Council decided to submit as requested a name to the County Auditor for the pool of Election Inspectors.

Discussion followed on the Home Rule Charter and the possibility of raising the City Sales Tax by ½ percent.

Scott Gilbertson stated he had a conversation with a salesman at Leading Edge Equipment and the City will not be able to trade in its lawnmower this year. Cathy will look at other trade in options.

Mayor Rysavy brought up the need to have another person besides Cathy Fisk certified for Mosquito spraying. An ad will be put in the paper seeking interested parties. One resident of Michigan has already expressed interest in becoming certified.

Rod Fisk made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 5 pm.  
February 2014 bills to approve

NDPERS (Life Ins)	\$8.97
NDPERS (Retirement)	\$367.74
Cathy Fisk (Health Ins)	\$561.05
Cathy Fisk (Salary)	\$2773.34
Cathy Fisk (OT)	\$240.00
Robbyn Maresh (Salary)	\$1000.00
Agcom	\$3321.07
Ameripride	\$100.05
Bank of North Dakota	\$6525.00
Bergstrom Electric	\$448.38 (pump house heater)
Brager Disposal	\$2177.50
Cardmember Service	\$21.02
Display Sales	\$151.00
Elaine's House of Dreams	\$70.00
Farmers Union Oil Co	\$4452.94
Grand Forks Utility Billing	\$26.00
Hawkins	\$811.50
LFS Professional Services	\$113.00
Mortenson-Rygh	\$5100.00
Michigan Hometown Foods	\$16.38
ND One Call	
Nelson Cty Sheriff's Dept	\$926.10
Ness Press	\$95.91
Nodak Electric	\$81.00
Ohnstad Electric	\$4289.41

Ottertail Power	
Polar Comm	\$206.88
United Lab	\$703.29
Verizon Wireless	
Workforce Safety	\$690.79