

Michigan City Council
Unofficial
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2014

The Michigan City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the City Office. Mayor Lauri Rysavy called the meeting to order. In attendance were Council members Kathy Gilbertson, Scott Gilbertson and Rodney Fisk. Councilman Scott Midstokke was absent. Also attending the meeting were Superintendent Cathi Fisk, Andrew Aakre from Moore Engineering, and Richard Daws.

Andrew Aakre discussed the teleconference between himself, Jane Tesch from USDA, Mayor Rysavy and Auditor Robbyn Maresh concerning the Letter of Conditions. Mr. Aakre also discussed the Engineering Agreement which is required by USDA, and the Loan Closure. Andrew relayed that surveyors will be looking at the property corners for the Lift Station project as ground conditions permit.

Rod Fisk made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement for \$84,000 and Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Andrew Aakre exited the meeting at 5:20pm.

Richard Daws was concerned about the need for a water meter in his garage and workshop. A new meter will be installed at said property during the time of new meter installation. The 2 meter readings for his property will be combined for billing. Dick exited the meeting at 5:35 pm.

The minutes of the 3-3-14 council meeting, the 3-10-14 Special meeting, and the 3-17-14 Special meeting were reviewed. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve these minutes, Rod Fisk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

April bills were reviewed and discussed. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to pay as follows, Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Employees	\$4766.58
Agcom	\$431.77
Ameripride	\$100.05
Bergstrom Electric	\$120.00
Brager Disposal	\$2177.50
Cathi Fisk (mileage) @.56	\$60.48
Cathi Fisk (OT)	\$457.20
Cardmember Service	\$389.00
Elaine's House of Dreams	\$35.00
Farmers Union Oil Co	\$1060.80
Ferguson Waterworks	\$605.11
Grand Forks Utility Billing	\$26.00
Lakota American	\$51.66
Lakota Hardware	\$37.33

Michigan Hometown Foods	\$16.38
Midland Excavating	\$1750.00
Nardini	\$120.75
ND One Call	
ND Sewage Pump	\$355.50
Nelson Cty Highway Dept	\$225.00
Nelson Cty Sheriff's Dept	\$926.10
Ness Press	\$178.47
Nodak Electric	\$84.00
Ottertail Power	\$1891.56
Polar Comm	\$193.58
Randy Severson	\$40.00
Rod's Autobody	\$434.28
United Laboratories	\$250.17
Verizon Wireless	\$118.17
Water Smith Inc	\$1245.90

Superintendent Cathi Fisk gave here report:

1. March water usage & pump use
2. North Lift , new hour meter
3. The big well has new plastic line
4. She completed the annual water survey and it has been published
5. Her Blue Cross and Blue Shield premium will increase 5-1-14
6. Discussion was held on Spring dumpsters to arrive around Mid May as weather permits. Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to arrange for a maximum of 2 dumpsters, Rod Fisk seconded the motion, motion carried.
7. She will order Mosquito spray
8. The upcoming mowing season was discussed; the mower needs to be serviced. Some checking will be done on trades.
9. Cathi will be paid for 19.05 hours overtime
10. Cathi mentioned some of the culverts are close to backing up. No action will be taken as of now as thawing is occurring

Robbyn Maresh gave the Financial reports. An additional checking account for Construction of the water & sewer project has been opened as required by USDA. All of the Quarterly reports are completed. Lauri and Robbyn will attend a meeting in Park River on April 22 with CPA Wally Rygh. An Audit agreement is required by USDA for the upcoming project. The next regular Council meeting will be held May 12, 2014. A discussion was held on how to bill residents with adjustments for running water to prevent freeze up. Past due water notices will be mailed. Pete Nenow and Arlene Scott will have their services shut off on April 15 for non payment of utility bills.

Old Business:

Upcoming Election June 10, 2014, ballot placement drawing was held 4-7-14. Present for the drawing were Robbyn Maresh, Auditor, Lauri Rysavy, Mayor, Jason Flom and Keith Woods. Jason Flom drew the names and is as follows:

Park Board

Michelle Linstad
Amy O'Brien
Carrie Anderson
Keith Woods

Mayor

Lauri Rysavy

City Council

Rodney Fisk
Gordon Maresh
Diane Schock
Josh Forde

An application for a Beer License for the Duffers Club was reviewed. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve, Rod Fisk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Sales Tax Ordinance increasing the City tax to 2% will be effective 7-1-14.
Running water to prevent freeze up will end April 10, 2014.

A bill of \$40 submitted by Randy Severson for snow removal was discussed. Rodney Fisk made a motion to not pay said bill. The motion died for lack of a second. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to pay the \$40 to Randy Severson, Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion. Scott Gilbertson voted yes, Kathy Gilbertson voted yes, Rod Fisk voted no. Councilman Fisk stated he feels the City should not be responsible for cleaning resident's property during and after snow removal as a precedent could be set. Motion carried.

New Business:

The annual Tax Equalization meeting will be held 4-8-14 at 5 pm in the City Office

An old resolution regarding Gaming was discussed

Mayor Rysavy informed the Council that a new contract with the Nelson County Sheriff's Department will become effective 2015-2018 with a rate increase

Mayor Rysavy and possibly a few Council members will attend a water/sewer rates workshop on May 7 in Larimore

Rates for utility bills were reviewed and discussed

Lauri will contact Ohnstad Electric regarding the completion of the Generator project

Mosquito spraying was discussed

Lauri will attend meetings of the Nelson County Job Authority April 15 and 16 in Michigan

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rodney Fisk, motion carried.

Special meeting Tuesday 4-8-14 at 5:00 for Tax Equalization

Next regular Council meeting Monday May 12, 2014 at 5:00.