

Michigan City Council  
Regular Meeting  
May 12, 2014

The Michigan City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the City Office. Mayor Lauri Rysavy called the meeting to order. In attendance were Council members Kathy Gilbertson, Rodney Fisk, Scott Gilbertson, and Scott Midstokke. Also attending the meeting were Superintendent Cathi Fisk and Wayne Maixner.

Wayne Maixner introduced himself to the Council as a candidate for the upcoming Nelson County Sheriff position. Conversation followed on Wayne's Law Enforcement background and outlook for the County regarding Sheriff and deputy duties. Mr. Maixner exited the meeting at 5:30 pm.

The Council reviewed the progress report submitted by Andrew Aakre from Moore Engineering regarding the upcoming projects.

Meeting minutes were reviewed. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve the minutes from 4-7-14, seconded by Rod Fisk, motion carried. Rod Fisk made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4-8-14 meeting, seconded by Scott Midstokke, motion carried.

Bills submitted were discussed and reviewed. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried.

May 2014 bills approved

City Employees	\$4847.38
Al Fosnes	\$65.00
Agcom	\$1140.28
Ameripride	\$100.05
Bergstrom	\$325.85
Brager Disposal	\$2177.50
Cardmember Service	\$27.25
Farmers Union Oil Co	\$14.20
Grand Forks Utility Billing	\$135.00
Lakota Hardware	
Lauri Rysavy	\$100.80
Michigan Hometown Foods	\$3.89
Midland Excavating	\$1470.00
ND Dept of Health	\$11.77
ND One Call	\$1.10
Nelson Cty Sheriff's Dept	\$926.10
Newman Traffic Signs	\$103.03
Ness Press	\$14.49
Nodak Electric	\$363.00

Ottertall Power	\$1549.73
Polar Comm	\$203.70
United Lab	\$703.34
Van Diest	\$4023.25
Verizon Wireless	\$118.19
Workforce Safety	\$250.00

Cathi Fisk gave the Superintendent's report

1. Cathi thanked Scott Gilbertson for his recent help with the generator
2. the North Pump has run 75.5 hours as of 5-9-14
3. chemical for mosquito spraying is here
4. May 19 the dumpster for Spring clean up will be at the site
5. an inspector for the ND Insurance Reserve Fund was here 4-25-14 doing a liability assessment, the City will receive a written report including various recommendations
6. Cathi priced a new sprayer for the cemetery & town, around \$500
7. overtime 6.05 hours for April 2014

Robbyn Maresh gave the financial report. Letters will be sent to past due residents with past due water bills. On April 22 Robbyn and Mayor Rysavy attended a meeting in Park River with Accountant Wally Rygh. Various recommendations by Mr. Rygh were discussed.

**Old Business:**

Transactions to balance funds after conversion are as follows:

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| Transfer | \$75,822.38 from the Debt Service fund to General Fund<br>Motion by Scott Midstokke, seconded by Rod Fisk, motion carried                     |
| Transfer | \$1800.00 from General Fund to Advertising Fund<br>Motion by Rod Fisk, seconded by Scott Midstokke, motion carried                            |
| Close    | Cemetery passbook account #58081810 \$9154.19 and deposit in General Fund<br>Motion by Rod Fisk, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried |
| Transfer | \$21,000 from General Fund to Cemetery Fund<br>Motion by Rod Fisk, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried                               |
| Transfer | \$35,000 from General Fund to Civic Center Fund<br>Motion by Scott Gilbertson, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried                   |

Transfer        \$5000 from Emergency Fund to General Fund  
Motion by Kathy Gilbertson, seconded by Rod Fisk, motion carried

Transfer        \$10,000 from General Fund to Highway Fund  
Motion by Scott Gilbertson, seconded by Scott Midstokke, motion carried

Transfer        \$1361.26 from General Fund to Sales Tax Fund  
Motion by Kathy Gilbertson, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried

Transfer        \$8000.00 from Social Security Fund to General Fund  
Motion by Rod Fisk, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried

Transfer        \$1003.36 from General Fund to Government Other  
Motion by Scott Midstokke, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried

Transfer        \$15,000 from General Fund to Sewer Fund  
Motion by Scott Gilbertson, seconded by Rod Fisk, motion carried

Transfer        \$10,000 from Sewer Force Main Fund to General Fund  
Motion by Rod Fisk, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried

Transfer        \$15,000 from General Fund to Sewer Imp BND Fund  
Motion by Scott Midstokke, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried

Transfer        \$50,000 from Water Fund to General Fund  
Motion by Rod Fisk, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried

Transfer        \$602.64 from Kitchen Fund to General Fund  
Motion by Rod Fisk, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried

Transfer        \$602.64 from General Fund to Civic Center  
Motion by Scott Midstokke, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried

**Payoff        USDA Force main 94-1 Loan \$ 63,109.50        5-16-14**  
Motion by Scott Gilbertson, seconded by Scott Midstokke, motion carried

A motion was made by Scott Midstokke, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson to keep the \$6.25 monthly charge on water bills for the upcoming USDA water project. It will now be named 14-1.

Water and Sewer rate increases were discussed. Council members were presented a spreadsheet with projected yearly revenue, expenditures and Loan and reserve obligations. Mayor Rysavy reviewed each page with the Council. After discussion it was decided that Lauri would contact Eric Volk from the ND Water Users Assoc and ask if he would be willing to meet with the Council.

The Michigan Bypass petitions were sent to Apex Engineering.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to rescind his motion on April 4-14 to approve a Beer License for the Duffers Club. Rod Fisk seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Mayor Rysavy attended a meeting of the Water Resource Dist on April 16 regarding the Goose Creek clean out south of Michigan. They are seeking financial support of \$500 per year from the City for 5 years.

The money for trees for the Cemetery donated by the Vasichек families in Memory of Jeff Vasichек was discussed. Scott Gilbertson will talk to Maria.

A building permit for Allan Forde was reviewed. Rod Fisk made a motion to approve, seconded by Scott Midstokke, motion carried.

A letter from Maria Vasichек and Sylvia K Daws, co-chairs of the Nelson County Barn Quilt Trail Committee regarding banners was discussed. The Council referred to the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting as follows: Maria Vasichек gave an update of the Nelson County Quilt Trail and new banners ordered. The banners will be ordered from Display Sales, the City of Michigan will send a check for half of the amount due as a down payment. The City will be reimbursed by the Community Club. As per recorded meeting minutes of 3-4-13: "The only cost to the City is labor to put up and take the banners down. The banners were purchased by the businesses."

1. Does the City own the banners? No
2. Who replaces the banners; not the City of Michigan
3. Who is responsible for maintenance; the City
4. What is the definition of maintenance? The City owns the mounting hardware on the poles
5. Who is responsible for hanging the banners: The City with the help of Scott Midstokke and Nodak Electric as their work load permits

Scott Midstokke made a motion for Superintendent Cathi Fisk to purchase a new sprayer for the City, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Gilbertson, seconded by Scott Midstokke, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 2, 2014 at 5pm.