

Michigan City Council
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2013

The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Lauri Rysavy at 5:05 pm on Monday May 6, 2013. Council Members present were Kathy Gilbertson, Scott Gilbertson, and Rod Fisk. Scott Midstokke was absent. Others present were Dan Reineke, Shanna Lenz, and Chris Bellah.

Following discussion regarding the Lagoon and sewer project a motion was made by Rod Fisk to pay Allan Anderson for gravel. Scott Gilbertson second the motion, motion carried.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 4-1-13, second by Rod Fisk, motion carried.

Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to approve the minutes for the Special Tax Equalization meeting held on April 9-13. Scott Gilbertson second the motion, motion carried.

After review Rod Fisk made the motion to approve the bills as follows, Scott Gilbertson second, motion carried.

NPERS (Life Ins)	\$8.97
NDPERS (Retirement)	\$367.74
Cathy Fisk (Health Ins)	\$545.00
Cathy Fisk (salary)	\$2773.34
Robbyn Maresh (salary)	\$1000.00
Lakota Hardware (old bill)	\$110.92
Agcom	\$606.72
Mid-Land Excavating	\$1725.00
Grand Forks Envir Lab	\$26.00
One Call Concepts	\$2.50
Black Mountain (annual Main)	\$1134.00
Ottertail Power	\$1141.00
Ness Press	\$659.77
Ameripride	159.16
Lauri Rysavy (office supplies)	\$36.90
Nodak Electric	\$82.00
Cardmember Service	\$313.74
Polar Communications	\$191.41
Ferguson Waterworks	\$86.20
Brager Disposal	\$2160.75
Nelson Cty Sheriff's Dept	\$926.10
Hawkins	\$1106.00
Michigan Hometown Foods	\$28.65
Farmers Union Oil Co	\$368.77
Lakota Hardware (current)	\$93.27
Verizon Wireless	\$147.39

Shanna Lenz representing the Park Board talked about the use of the Old Softball field for ball games. After Council discussion Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to approve, second by Rod Fisk, motion carried.

Dan Reineke from Bergstrom Electric presented his plan to fix the light at the Pump/Lift Station. Rod Fisk made a motion to accept this solution, second by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried.

Superintendent, Cathy Fisk expressed her and the City's Thank You to Brian Haugen, Chad Lenz, and Frank Rysavy from the Fire Dept for their assistance with the North Pump. Cathy also expressed her thanks to Chris Anderson & Roger Schwan for their assistance with the Lift Station cleaning.

Cathy also reported on cleaning of the Cemetery, the Big Well not working properly, the Lagoon Pump being burnt out. ND Sewer Pump is checking on warranty. The motor on the North Pump also needs replacing. Rod Fisk made a motion for Cathy to call Larry Ohnstad for his recommendation on the pump replacement. Scott Gilbertson second, motion carried.

After discussion Scott Gilbertson made a motion to gravel the cemetery and hire tree trimming as needed. Rod Fisk second the motion, motion carried.

Discussion followed on mowing for the Park Board. The Park Board will be asked to take over the mowing of the Veteran's Memorial grounds. The dumpster for the Spring cleanup will arrive May 18. The Council approved two or more dumpsters as needed for cleanup.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion for the City to purchase a 7 X 12 foot trailer. Rod Fisk second the motion, motion carried.

Robbyn presented the financial reports and the list of overdue Water Bills was discussed. Rod Fisk made a motion for Robbyn to contact Mortenson & Rygh CPA firm and hire them for the time needed to review the City's accounting system. Kathy Gilbertson second the motion, motion carried.

Discussion followed on the proposal from Ferguson Waterworks regarding meter replacement and a Lift Station project. Lauri Rysavy and Rodney Fisk will meet with Moore Engineering from Fargo.

Kathy Gilbertson made a motion to accept a contract from Polar Communications for Data Backup. Scott Gilbertson second, motion carried.

The Council discussed property lines. All structures must be at the least 5 feet, with the overhang from a property line.

Questions and discussion followed on Bonding for the Auditor, timely payment of bills, replacement of office furniture, including a computer workstation and additional file cabinets. Kathy Gilbertson made a motion, second by Rod Fisk to purchase a new workstation. Motion carried. Rod Fisk made a motion to purchase new file cabinets as needed. Kathy Gilbertson second, motion carried.

Discussion on the need for a map holder followed. Rod Fisk made a motion to purchase one adequate for the City's needs. Scott Gilbertson second, motion carried.

More discussion followed on the possible need for an Assistant Auditor, a policy for the use of personal equipment, with no action taken. The cat problem in town was discussed and residents will be advised to call the Sheriff's Dept regarding any nuisance animals. The need for all Council members to tour & review the North Pump, the Lift

Station, and Lagoon was requested by Mayor Rysavy. Cathy will give the Fire Department a key to the City shop.

It was decided that an old radio in the Civic Center basement can be sold and the need for various committees regarding Ordinances, a Code of Ethics for Council members, a Tree committee, Zoning, an Advisory Board and an Employee Manual were discussed.

Mayor Lauri Rysavy appointed Jerome Narum to a 3 year term for the JDA Board.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve Fireworks for July 20, Michigan Days. Kathy Gilbertson second, motion carried.

Lauri and Rodney reported on the Spring Regional meeting held in Lakota on May 1. Fair Labor standards were discussed along with Overtime for non-exempt employees.

The Council decided that the deadline for being on the Agenda for a regular Council meeting will be the Wednesday at noon before the next Council meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rodney Fisk, second by Kathy Gilbertson. Motion carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.