

Michigan City Council
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2013

The regular meeting of the Michigan City Council was called to order by Mayor Lauri Rysavy at 5:00 pm, Monday June 3, 2013. Council members present were Kathy Gilbertson, Scott Gilbertson, Rod Fisk, and Scott Midstokke. Cathy Fisk, City Superintendent was also present.

Rod Fisk made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2013 meeting, motion second by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on May 13, 2013. Rod Fisk second the motion, motion carried.

The bills payable were reviewed with additions. Rod Fisk made the motion to approve bills as follows, Scott Midstokke second the motion, motion carried.

NDPERS (Life Ins)	\$8.97
NDPERS (Retirement)	\$367.74
Cathy Fisk (Health Ins)	\$545.00
Cathy Fisk (salary)	\$2773.34
Robbyn Maresh (salary)	\$1000.00
Cathy Fisk (overtime)	\$2329.20
Agcom	\$1380.34
Grand Forks Envir Lab	\$26.00
Widseth Smith Nolting	\$1000.15 (4-14-13 to 5-15-13)
Widseth Smith Nolting	\$1622.50 (Cemetery plat)
Ottertail Power Co	
Ness Press	\$24.84
Ameripride	\$100.05
Nodak Electric	\$89.00
Polar Communications	\$189.69
Brager Disposal	\$2160.75
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Nelson Cty Sheriff's Dept	\$926.10
Lakota Farm Service	\$2424.00
Ecolab	\$119.00
Michigan Hometown Foods	\$81.48
Farmers Union Oil Co	\$122.68
Verizon Wireless	\$117.95
City of Lakota	\$70.00
Acme Electric	\$8762.55
(trailer \$1599.99)	
(motor for pump \$7162.56)	
ND Sewage Pump Lift Co	\$475.00
Bergstrom Electric	\$156.04
US Bank Corp Trust	\$13,946.25
Dale Staniszewski	\$400.00

Rod's Autobody	\$473.40
Maynard Hjelseth	\$155.00
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Superintendent Cathy Fisk reported that the new mower has been delivered, a sump pump behind the Civic Center failed, Lagoon #3 has been sampled and discharged, a total of three Dumpsters were used for cleanup week, the new motor on the North Pump has been replaced, the Mosquito spray unit has been tested and calibrated, and Roto-Rooter will be coming this week.

ND Rural water is offering a class on instrument training on June 5, 9:00 am to 12:00 in Petersburg that Cathy will attend.

Cathy stated the New pump for the Lagoon has not arrived yet, street cleaning will be done by the City of Lakota as their time permits, the hydrant by Rod's Autobody has been repaired, water meters will be read monthly between the 15th and 17th, and she has a total of 34.55 overtime hours for May 2013.

Scott Midstokke stressed the need for better time management by the Superintendent as to try to alleviate any overtime hours. Scott also stated that he felt there is a need for her to be available on Fridays.

Lonnie and Renee Anderson entered the meeting at 5:40. They asked if the Wagon Wheel Bar Liquor license can be transferred to a new owner should the time come. The Council members agreed that the license would be transferred to a new owner. Lonnie & Renee exited the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Michelle Linstad read a letter she had written to the Council as a concerned resident, President of the Park Board, and a board member of the Duffers Club in Michigan. A copy of the letter may be seen at the City Office. Michelle left the Council meeting at 5:55 pm.

Auditor, Robbyn Maresh gave the financial reports. A discussion followed on Past Due water bills. Letters will be sent to anyone 2 months past due, with a Final notice following and shut off if these overdue bills are not paid. Rich Mortenson of Mortenson/Rygh CPA firm is scheduled to be in the City Office on June 13. At this time he will analyze the City's accounting system and make his recommendation.

Moore Engineering has been in town looking at a wide range of future projects for the City of Michigan. They will report to the Council when the plan and accompanying priority is complete.

Scott Midstokke presented a copy of an email he received from a city resident regarding the time frame of notice to be placed on the Council meeting agenda. After discussion it was decided to keep with the Wednesday Noon deadline before the regular council meeting.

Mayor Rysavy informed the Council of phone calls she and the City Superintendent received from a City resident. The need for respect and proper language was stressed.

Discussion followed on the use and need of the City's Face book page. The Council feels that it can be a good means of communication and information but it will be discontinued if abused.

Mayor Rysavy gave Kathy Gilbertson some additions to the Code of Ethics that is being put together for the City. Lauri also informed the Council that Ron Nelson is

reviewing all of the City's Ordinances. The Mayor also stated the need to proceed with the Civic Center generator project so we can meet the deadline.

Further discussion followed on Cathy's overtime hours. Also the time needed for mosquito and weed spraying, the North pump continues to run, as it is needed, and is time consuming with the recent rainfall.

The Council discussed payment of Cathy's overtime hours which amounted to 97.05 from October 2012 to the end of May 2013. Scott Midstokke made a motion to pay the hours at a rate of \$24, amounting to \$2329.20. Scott Gilbertson second the motion. A roll call vote followed with Councilman Rod Fisk abstaining. All in favor, motion carried.

The following have been appointed to the Tree Committee: Ken Hietala, Gordie Maresh, and Frank Rysavy. The purpose of this Committee is to police as needed for disease and overhanging tree problems.

Rod Fisk made the motion to transfer the Wagon Wheel liquor/beer license to a new owner if a sale is made. Kathy Gilbertson second the motion, motion carried.

Discussion followed on sending a letter to City residents regarding keeping trees trimmed for alley access for mosquito spraying. Alleys that are not clear will not be sprayed.

Rod Fisk made motion to adjourn the meeting, Scott Gilbertson second the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.