

Michigan City Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 8, 2014

The Michigan City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014 at 5:00 pm in the City Office. Mayor Lauri Rysavy called the meeting to order. Council members present were Diane Schock, Kathy Gilbertson and Scott Gilbertson, member Josh Forde was absent. Others attending were Cathi Fisk, City Superintendent, Andrew Aakre from Moore Engineering, Trish Brager from Brager Disposal, Jason Flom, and Elaine Larson.

Andrew Aakre of Moore Engineering presented the Plans for the Sewer and Water Improvement Project and the Project manual. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to accept the plans as presented and contingent upon approval by the ND State Health Department and USDA. Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried. Andrew Aakre left the meeting.

Trish Brager of Brager Disposal introduced herself and gave the Council some background on the changes that have been made to the company. She presented the Council with a contract for garbage pickup and asked that the Council consider a 5 year contract. The Council will discuss the new contract later in the meeting. Trish Brager exited the meeting.

Jason Flom from the Michigan Ambulance Service discussed the possible dissolution of the Lakota Ambulance Service and the repercussions likely for the Michigan Ambulance. Jason asked for the Council's support if there is a transition. Jason exited the meeting.

Elaine addressed the Council regarding Pet Licenses, a lost dog and a dog fight. Robbyn was directed to have a sign on the door during any of her absences. The Council will discuss the Pet Licenses at the next meeting.

Scott Gilbertson made a motion to accept the minutes of 8-4-14 as read. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried. Diane Schock made a motion to accept the minutes of 8-20-14 as read. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public meeting held 8-20-14. Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried.

The bill listing was discussed. Scott Gilbertson made the motion to approve the bills. Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried.

City Employees	\$4847.38
Agcom	\$616.82
Ameripride	\$105.26
Brager Disposal	\$2177.50

Cardmember Service	\$389.33
Ferguson Waterworks	\$344.45
Grand Forks Utility Billing	\$26.00
Hawkins	\$792.10
Lakota Hardware	\$103.43
Michigan Hometown Foods	\$6.05
ND League of Cities	\$15.00
ND One Call	\$8.80
Nelson Cty Sheriff's Dept	\$926.10
Ness Press	\$152.45
Nodak Electric	
Ottertail Power	\$1173.62
Polar Comm	\$193.87
Verizon	\$118.11
Maynard Hjelseth	\$220.00
Ron Nelson	\$380.00

City Superintendent Cathi Fisk reported:

1. 919,000 gallons of water used last month
2. 4 hydrants have been fixed
3. the lagoon has been sprayed and trimmed
4. she sprayed a total of 17 times for mosquitoes
5. alley holes have been filled
6. new Christmas Decorations have been purchased and paid for by "Cans for a Cause"
7. the other refrigerator in the Civic Center is not working and one of the toilets in the basement of the Civic needs replacing
8. no hand pumps are allowed in the City of Michigan by rule of the ND Dept of Health
9. Cathi asked if the Council would like a Roll off dumpster for Fall cleanup. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to order a dumpster. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.
10. After discussion Scott Gilbertson made a motion to authorize Cathi to rent tools needed for the Cemetery project. Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried.
11. Cathi will attend the ND Water Pollution Conference October 14, 15 and 16.
12. Cathi will also renew all chemical licenses as needed

Diane Schock made a motion for Cathi to purchase a new refrigerator and a toilet for the Civic Center. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Robbyn Maresh gave the financial reports including the new Sales Tax Distribution and fund balances. The past due water bills were reviewed. Doug Reese and Pete Nenow will have their water service shut off due to continued non payment.

Old Business:

1. The second and final reading of Ordinance #132 (Amended) was held. Diane Schock made the motion to approve, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried.
2. The new Ordinance for Snow Removal #162 was reviewed. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve the first reading, Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried.
3. Ordinance #124 Cemetery (amended) was reviewed. Diane Schock made a motion to approve the first reading, seconded by Scott Gilbertson, motion carried.
4. Ordinance #155 Grass (amended) was reviewed. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve the first reading, Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.
5. Ordinance #116 (Amended) Salaries for City Officers was reviewed. Scott Gilbertson made the motion to change to reflect the current rate and approve as the first reading. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.
6. Ordinance #161 (amended) was discussed.
7. After review Scott Gilbertson made a motion to abolish Ordinance #39 regarding Pin Ball machines. Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried.
8. After review Scott Gilbertson made the motion to abolish Ordinance #74 Dept of Sanitation. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Elaine Larson exited the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Council members discussed the mowing rate policy. Diane Schock made a motion to set the rate at \$75.00 per hour with \$150.00 per occurrence as the minimum. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### New Business:

1. The 2013 DOT Curb Ramp Improvement contract was discussed. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to approve, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried.
2. The City Siren was discussed regarding having it ring at designated times. Scott Gilbertson made the motion to leave the Siren off. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.
3. The Council reviewed and discussed delinquent taxes and various properties in the City.
4. A letter of intent to close a railroad crossing behind the DOT building from BNSF was reviewed. A representative from BNSF will be in Michigan on Tuesday September 9.
5. The Council discussed garbage contracts from Brager Disposal and Lakota Sanitation. Diane Schock made the motion to accept the contract offered by Lakota Sanitation. Kathy Gilbertson seconded the motion, motion carried.
6. Scott Gilbertson made a motion to accept the application for a building permit for Dale Stainszewski. Diane Schock seconded the motion, motion carried.

7. Mayor Lauri Rysavy reminded the Council of the Haz Mat meeting to be held September 17 at 7:00 pm in Lakota.
8. The Preliminary Budget was presented. After review and discussion it was tabled with no action. A Special meeting will be held for approval.

Diane Schock made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kathy Gilbertson, motion carried.

A Special meeting will be held on Monday September 22, 2014 at 5:00 pm to approve the Preliminary Budget. The second readings of Ordinances #124, #155, #116, and #162 will also take place at this meeting.

Next Regular meeting: October 6, 2014 5 PM