

Michigan City Council Regular Monthly Meeting

Monday January 13, 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Mayor Rysavy called the meeting to order.

Members Present – Diane Schock and Chris O’Brien

Member Phone in – Jay Vasichek

Members Absent – David Daws

Others Present -- Auditor Lori Lucke

Other Absent – Superintendent Scott Gilbertson

Call for additions to agenda. Agenda approved

Minutes from previous Council meeting were presented.

O’Brien made motion to approve with correction, Schock second. Motion carried.

Monthly bills were presented as follows:

AGCOM	\$ 48.67	Ottertail Power	\$ 1877.25
Brager Disposal	\$ 2000.25	Polar Communications	\$ 228.08
Cardmember Services	\$ 135.19	United Laboratories	\$ 787.88
Ferguson Enterprises	\$ 316.31	Verizon	\$ 46.57
First United Bank	\$ 15.00		
Grand Forks Utility	\$ 131.00		
Hamster Oil	\$ 290.93		
Hawkins Inc.	\$ 682.29		
Michigan Hometown Foods	\$ 7.10		
Nelson County Sheriff	\$ 1014.30		
Nodak Electric	\$ 537.35		
North Dakota Water Assc.	\$ 100.00		

Schock moved to pay bills presented. O’Brien Second. Motion carried.

Superintendent Report

Monthly water loss was 21.4% for the month with water loss for year to date at 8.2%. Monthly water loss higher because of leak at Trailer House. Sample taken of Lagoon, test good, discharged. Tractor needs some repairs on steering lines. Blew out some hydrants. Turned of North Pump. Will start working on X-mas lights. Water tower flow adjusted to prevent any freeze ups.

Auditor Report

Past due water bills discussed. The shut off date is January 22, 2020. GovCard electronic payments are now functioning. Scott Gilbertson was the first resident to use the process. He reported it was simple. Discussion on getting the news out about GovCard payments. The Mayor suggested she would put an article in the paper and on Facebook. A notice will be put on the water bills with website address to make payments. Brian Day is coming in February to help with USDA Audit. Tax documents are being prepared and will be mailed out by the deadline.

Old Business

Orwick Elevator was discussed. The City has contacted the City Attorney and is in discussion of how to proceed.

Paul Ringdahl insurance claim. The final decision was that the City of Michigan acted in a timely manner to correct the problem when notified and the sewer event was rectified. The Council discussed the importance of the residents of Michigan having ample insurance to cover their properties when events such as this happen.

H&H Coatings presented an estimate of the future repairs and costs for the water tower. H&H Coatings advised the City of Michigan to budget \$80,000 for the interior reconditioning of the water tower and \$80,000 for the exterior reconditioning of the water tower. The Council discussed budgeting for the future maintenance expense. The City of Michigan has a maintenance contract with H&H which results in a significant reduction in maintenance costs and repairs for the City of Michigan.

New Business.

Insurance information from Paul Rindahl's insurance company and a demand for payment was presented to Council. The Council discussed the claim made by Paul Ringdahl's insurance company. There is no basis for the demand for payment as the sewer event was investigated and it was found the City of Michigan was not at fault for the sewer pump failure.

Next Council meeting will be held February 10, 2020 @ 5pm

O'Brien made motion to dismiss the meeting. Schock second. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Lucke, Auditor