

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL**

September 14, 2026 - 5 p.m.

Mayor Rysavy called the meeting to order. Present: Lauri Rysavy, Nathan Flom, Dan Reineke, Brandon Lulay, Shaun Watkins; Jason Flom, Scott Gilbertson.

Calls for additions and approval of agenda with none noted. Approved as presented.

Presentation of 2027 budget was made by Auditor Flom. Council motioned to place a 2.8% increase for cost-of-living raise placed for employees. To figure in an amount that can be placed in the savings for a new city pickup down the road. Discussion was held to print with increases to stay within the mills. Final approval will be voted on before Oct. 10, 2026 deadline.

Previous meeting minutes were presented. N. Flom made a motion to approve as presented. B. Lulay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills were presented as follows:

First United Bank	\$1,704.93
Brager	2,000.25
Polar	189.24
Verizon	41.53
Otter Tail Power	1,740.78
Nodak Electric	103.00
Credit Card	1,078.54
City Wages	10,020.60
GF Utility Billing	26.00
ND One Call	42.00
NAPA	3.99
NCSO	1,315.00
Lakota American	317.52
Hamster Oil	394.09
Johnson Excavating	1,000.00
Total	\$19,977.47

S. Watkins made a motion to

approve as presented. D. Reineke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

City superintendent report by Scott Gilbertson --

Water loss is normal.

Tree trimming is taking place along streets.

Scrap metal pile has been hauled away.

Cemetery mowing is continuing. Damaged monuments were discussed. Auditor will contact Brueckner Funeral Home for pricing. Mosquitos will be fogged.

Explained to council how the lift station call back system works.

Will be out of town Sept. 16-20, 2026.

Elaine Larson entered the meeting. Mayor Rysavy acknowledged Elaine.

Elaine said that she has been in contact with ND Game and Fish. They have planted northernns in the reservoir. She has raised money for a new dock to be placed by NDGF. That will be placed in the spring. She also asked city to place a sign that states they are not responsible for accidents. She stated NDGF are looking to see if they can plant any sunfish. They have stated that no walleyes could be planted as the water could not sustain them.

Elaine asked to have the alley that runs behind her place be fixed as there are large potholes. Council will have someone come in to have that taken care of.

She also asked about the possibility of a dog park at the old baseball diamond. Council stated she would need to speak to the park board.

Elaine Larson left the meeting.

Auditor report by Jason Flom --

Water bills discussed.

Monthly financials presented.

On-site appraisal of structures that are insured for more than \$90,000 by NDIRF will take place in September.

Council was reminded of the council member course that League of Cities offers.

Cemetery fundraising letters are being put together.

Old Business --

New carbide blade attachment was discussed. Motion was made by B. Lulay to purchase from Winter Co. S. Watkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Progress of new street light on 6th Street was inquired about. S. Watkins said they are just waiting on the pole crew to come and it will be installed.

New Business --

Discussion was held on creating an ordinance on camping in the park. This was tabled until next regular meeting.

Motion was made by D. Reineke for city staff and council to have credit card-style city ID. N. Flom seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

S. Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting. D. Reineke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting is Monday, Oct. 12, 2026, 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M Flom
Auditor

Lauri Rysavy
Mayor

These are unofficial minutes.