MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL
October 12, 2026 - 5 p.m.

Mayor Rysavy called the meeting to order. Present: Lauri Rysavy, Nathan Flom, Daniel Reineke, Brandon Lulay, Shaun Watkins. Others present: Scott Gilbertson, city superintendent; Jason Flom, auditor.

Agenda was approved.

No audience was present.

Previous minutes from Sept. 14, 2026 were presented. Member Flom made a motion to approve as presented. Member Lulay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Previous minutes from special meeting on Sept. 14, 2026 were presented. Member Reineke made a motion to approve as presented. Member Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Bills were presented:

First United Bank	$1,704.93
Brager	2,000.25
Polar	189.84
Verizon	41.53
Otter Tail Power	1,919.18
Nodak Electric	116.00
Credit Card	1,386.97
City Wages	10,020.60
GF Utility Billing	26.00
ND One Call	18.00
NCSO	1,315.00
Acme Tools	68.79
Hamster Oil	243.16
Hanson Painting Service	16,300.00
Tri-Steel Mfg.	5,790.00
West Shore Services	610.00
Total	$41,750.25

Member Watkins made a motion to pay as presented. Member Lulay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

City Superintendent Report by Scott Gilbertson --

Water loss at a normal rate.

Mowing coming to an end.

Project 7 will be doing work at the cemetery.

Tree pile will be burned at some point in the next few weeks. All weather-/wind-dependent.

Last month council decided to place a carbide blade on the snow plow. Cost will be $6,095.85. Talked to the company that does this. They stated that due to street condition and speed in which we plow, a WinterFlex rubber blade would be a better fit. Cost would be $1,463.74. Member Lulay made a motion to rescind his motion from Sept. 14, 2026 for purchase of a carbide blade. Member Flom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Member Watkins made a motion to purchase the WinterFlex blade for price stated, $1,463.74. Member Reineke seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Auditor Report by Jason Flom --

Past-due water bills were discussed.

City of Michigan has one property on tax foreclosure. The sale for this will be on Nov. 17, 2026 at 10 a.m.

Taxes received, fund balances and financials were presented.

Monies from NDCF representing Hulstrand Family Fund for cemetery were presented.

2025 USDA management reports were approved and 2026 is being worked on.

Craig Cooper property was discussed. Sheriff served papers on Sept. 30, 2026. It was noted that he had cleaned the junk up on the property.

Specials for taxes are being compiled and will be turned in to the county auditor by Nov. 2, 2026.

In the 2027 budget it was decided to place money away for future purchase of a new city pickup. Motion was made by Member Flom to place $7,000 each year into a CD for use only for a city pickup. This will begin in 2027. Member Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Old Business --

There was a damaged footstone found by the superintendent at the cemetery. It appears it was hit by the mower. Cost for replacement will be $1,200. An additional $365 would occur if the cement pad had to be replaced. There is also a marble vase that was found broken off another headstone. You can also see it was hit by the mower. Gilbertson stated that no one had reported the damage while mowing. Discussion was held. Member Flom made the motion to repair the damages found with the money coming out of the cemetery fund. Member Lulay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Mayor Rysavy stated there are several stones that are not damaged but have been "bumped" by the mower and are off-center on their cement pads. These will be straightened in the spring of 2027.

Example of camping ordinance for the park was presented. Discussion was held on items that need to be added. Auditor was instructed on these changes and will type up the new ordinance to present at the next regular meeting.

Civic center and water tower building have been painted by Hanson Painting. Council is very pleased with the work. Discussion was held on the need of new windows. Member Lulay is getting updated prices. It has been a couple of years since we looked at prices last. Item is tabled until more information is gathered.

Credit card-style city ID will be done through Zazzle online. Pictures will be taken of all who need them.

NDIRF had an appraisal company looking at structures insured for more than $90,000. Nothing has been sent back since the appraisal took place.

New Business --

Current water/sewer rates were discussed. They are as follows:

$34 -- Water: monthly minimum charge 2,000 gallons
$12.25 -- USDA 14-1
$14 -- Sewer
$3 -- Mosquito
$8 -- Water tower repair
$17.50 -- Garbage
$2 -- Service
$4 -- Per 1,000 gallons over the minimum of 2,000 gallons for residential use

It was discussed when the last time rates were changed was; they were moved around and only increased $2.

Member Reineke made a motion to raise the water rates to the following:

$35 -- Water: monthly minimum charge 2,000 gallons
$14.25 -- USDA 14-1
$14 -- Sewer
$3 -- Mosquito
$10 -- Water tower repair
$17.50 -- Garbage
$3 -- Service
$4 -- Per 1,000 gallons over the minimum of 2,000 gallons for residential use

These changes would begin Jan. 1, 2027.

Member Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Park board was discussed. Park board needs one more person to complete the board to five people. Discussion was held on dropping the number to three persons. Auditor Flom would have to look up the rules

for this. Discussion was held and park board will stay at five members.

Cemetery was discussed. Auditor Flom presented a letter that will be sent to families who have loved one interred in our cemetery. Our cemetery relies on donations and plot sales for money. It does not receive tax dollars. Council instructed the auditor to send the letter. Other issues with cemetery were tabled until a later meeting.

Valkyrie Fitness using the civic center on Wednesday evenings was revisited as it has been one year. They have use of the civic center for free, as it is no longer than one hour to an hour-and-a-half. Member Lulay made a motion to continue with the agreement of free usage. Member Watkins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Next meeting is Monday, Nov. 9, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Member Flom made motion to adjourn. Member Reineke seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M. Flom
Auditor

Lauri J. Rysavy
Mayor

Nov. 9, 2026: Member Flom motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Member Reineke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.