MINUTES OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT AND EQUALIZATION HEARING MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL April 13, 2026 - 5 p.m.

Mayor Lauri Rysavy called the meeting to order. Members present: Daniel Reineke, Jay Gilbertson, Brandon Lulay, Nathan Flom, Lauri Rysavy. Others present: Jason Flom, Scott Gilbertson, Michelle Linstad, Leona Sparks.

Mayor Rysavy turned the floor over to Assessor Michelle Linstad.

Michelle presented materials for all present. She explained that a +2.0% was placed on all residential lots and structures, except those structures that were added to the rolls for 2025.

Also, that -2.0% on all commercial lots and structures. This was required by the State Board of Equalization.

One property had an increase in value as their construction was completed. Spark Housing and structures not completed will be valued in 2027.

Michigan City has 12 applications for Homestead Credit and three applications for Veteran Credit.

Floor was open to questions and discussions. One community member had questions on the notice of value that is required by the state to send out. Michelle explained this was a new requirement after the last ND legislative session.

No other questions or concerns were raised.

Jay Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Reineke seconded the motion. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason M Flom
Auditor

May 11, 2026: Motion made by Jay Gilbertson to accept minutes as presented. Nathan Flom seconded the motion. Motioned carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MICHIGAN CITY COUNCIL April 13, 2026

Mayor Rysavy called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Members present: Daniel Reieneke, Jay Gilbertson, Brandon Lulay, Nathan Flom, Lauri Rysavy. Others present: Jason Flom, Scott Gilbertson, Greg Daws.

Mayor Rysavy acknowledged community member Greg Daws. Greg addressed the council on the use of Jake Brakes by trucks coming through town at all hours. Discussion was held and council will research other communities who have an ordinance regarding these. Greg also brought up trucks parking on the frontage road without putting out any cones or markers when they are parking there long-term. Mayor Rysavy said that she will visit with the one resident who does this when he is home. Greg asked if he removes the old hospital down this fall, if he can bury it by the reservoir. Council held discussions and we could not permit that as it would be a hazard the state would not allow.

Greg left meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting were presented. Jay Gilbertson made a motion to approve as presented. Nathan Flom seconded the motion. Motioned carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Bills were presented as follows:

First United Bank	$1,704.93
NAPA	503.64
Brager	2,000.25
Otter Tail	2,372.72
Nodak	462.00
Polar	189.07
NCSO	1,315.00
Renewed Cleaning Serv.	539.69
Card Member Services	2,764.69
Lakota American	142.74
Verizon	41.53
Hamster Oil	246.34
MHF	15.50
GF Utility Billing	26.00
Farmers Union	1,022.58
Total	$13,346.68

Jay Gilbertson made a motion to approve payment of bills as presented. Brandon Lulay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Superintendent Report by Scott Gilbertson --

Water loss for the year was at a normal level.

ND Sewer was out and both lift stations look good.

Mosquito fogger has been repaired and will be calibrated within the next month.

Measured lot lines for a couple of different property owners.

Pump water from the south side of the reservoir to the north side of the reservoir. The culvert is completely blocked by a beaver dam. Working with a few others to get this culvert cleared.

Auditor Report by Jason Flom --

Past Water Bills: Five accounts will be receiving letters with a shutoff date of April 22, 2026 at 1 p.m. without proper payment or setting up payment arrangements.

Bank statements, P&L report, balance sheet were presented.

Website was discussed and the views per page for the month of February and March were presented.

Savings and CDs were discussed.

Old Business --

Final draft of policy for public decorum and conduct was presented:

Citizen Comment Guideline and Policy and Public Meeting Decorum Guideline and Policy

1. Citizen Comments

1.1 General public comment and participation, apart from public hearing or comments requested on specific agenda items, will be scheduled for regular city council meetings and only during the portion of the meeting designated as "resident acknowledgment" on the city council agenda. Public comment and participation will not be scheduled or permitted during meetings of the committee of the whole or special city council meetings, except for public hearings or comments that are requested on specific agenda items during such meetings.

1.2 The city council agenda will include a " resident acknowledgement" portion of the meeting.

1.3 The "resident acknowledgement" portion will be immediately before the approval of minutes portion of the agenda and will be labelled "resident acknowledgement."

1.4 During the resident acknowledgement portion of the city council agenda, each speaker will be limited to three minutes and the time from one speaker cannot be used by another speaker. The total amount of time for public comment during the resident acknowledgement portion of the agenda shall be 15 minutes.

1.5 Comments during the resident acknowledgement portion of the meeting are open to any topic the speaker wishes to comment on that is pertinent to the city.

1.6 Individuals who wish to speak during the resident acknowledgement portion of the agenda must inform the mayor and/or auditor prior to the resident acknowledgement portion of the city council meeting.

1.7 Individuals who wish to submit a written statement may do so, but written statements are limited to 2-1/2 pages.

1.8 An individual may not disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting.

1.9 An individual may not make comments that are defamatory, abusive, harassing or unlawful.

1.10 Comments may be limited if an alternative procedure exists to bring that particular type of comment before the city, the public comment includes confidential or exempt information, or the public comment is otherwise prohibited by law.

2. Public Decorum

2.1 The following public decorum rules and guidelines shall apply to all attending or participating in the meetings of the city council, committee of the whole and other city council committees, and violation of these public decorum rules and guidelines will be considered disruptive conduct, adverse to the legitimate government interest of conducting orderly, effective and dignified public meetings:

(A) An individual, during the resident acknowledgement portion of the city meeting, refuses to stop comments after being requested to do so because the individual's three-minute time allotment has ended.

(B) Outbursts, shouting, clapping, booing, hissing, interruptions, loud noises and comments during presentation of any agenda item, discussion by the members of the public body or the orderly conduct of the meeting.

(C) Behavior or conduct that disturbs, disrupts, impedes or interrupts presenters of an agenda item, discussion by the members of the public body or the orderly conduct of the meeting.

(D) Behavior or conduct that creates, provokes or causes disturbances involving unwelcome physical contact or verbal abuse.

2.2 If, in the opinion of the presiding officer of the meeting, that any of the above behavior or conduct has occurred or other conduct or behavior that disrupts or impedes the orderly and efficient conduct of the meeting has occurred, the presiding officer may provide a warning indicating the individual's conduct is considered by the presiding officer to be disruptive conduct and further disruptive conduct by any individual in attendance at the meeting may result in the meeting being recessed until order is restored in the meeting room.

2.3 If, in the opinion of the presiding officer, the disruptive conduct is so severe, the presiding officer may request that the individual leave the room immediately. Individuals refusing to leave the room, the said meeting will be recessed and Nelson County Sheriff Department will be contacted to send on-duty officers to the meeting to remove the individual(s).

Adopted and effective: April 13, 2026.

Lauri J Rysavy, Mayor
ATTEST: Jason M Flom, Auditor

Daniel Reineke made a motion to adopt the Citizen Comment Guideline and Policy, Public Meeting Decorum Guideline and Policy as written with no changes. Jay Gilbertson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Rysavy asked Auditor Flom for election update. City of Michigan had one place paperwork for the mayor position. We had one person turn paperwork in for one of two council positions. No one turned any paperwork in for park board. So, the ballot will have the two that turned in the paperwork listed, and the rest will be write-ins. All paperwork and notices required of the auditor have been turned in.

Mayor Rysavy presented the Tree Committee report. Discussion was held. City council has decided to remove the trees across the street from the mall and the trees on the water tower lot. They will look at the trees at the school yard to determine which ones of those need to be removed. Council will work on planting trees by the water tower as money allows to have trees planted in other areas. It was agreed that trees taken down need to be replaced. Notices will be placed throughout the community to property owners to please trim trees that are hanging into the streets.

Discussion was held on abandoned/unlicensed vehicles. Also, yards that need to be cleaned up. Auditor Flom presented letters that could be sent for the infractions for council to review. Auditor stated that one yard on the list will have to have the paperwork served by the Nelson County Sheriff Department as that person does not have a mailing address. Council will place a list together and those with infractions and letters will be sent after May monthly meeting. Those receiving letters will have 30 days to fix such infractions. If not completed, we will then have Nelson County Sheriff Department serve the second notice.

New Business --

Yearly review of the city sales tax was discussed. Due to a few items of question, this was tabled until May's regular meeting.

Complaints have been received on tin siding blowing off the elevator. This is still in use as a grain storage facility. Owner will be sent a letter on securing the siding.

Council Member N. Flom brought up that a property owner is interested in purchasing half of a lot that the city owns. Dan Reineke made a motion to offer property for $50. Brandon Lulay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Council member Flom will speak to the interested party.

Road patching was discussed. Council member Flom asked to have four pallets of patch ordered and he will again patch what he can. Jay Gilbertson made a motion to purchase four pallets of patch. Daniel Reineke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Cemetery was discussed. Item will be tabled until later in the season.

Council member Reineke brought up that there are mice in the walls of the ambulance/city shop. Brian Schmidt from Lake Region Pest Control has been out. Five mice have been captured. Schmidt has sent a yearly contract for him to check every three months and reset any traps placed. He has placed traps throughout the building and at the fire hall and civic center basement. Nathan Flom made a motion to sign presented contract with Lake Region Pest Control. Brandon Lulay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote

Next regular meeting will be Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Jay Gilbertson made a motion to adjourn. Brandon Lulay seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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TOPS meetings in McVille

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a weight-loss group, meets every Monday at the Cedar Ridge Apartments in McVille. Weigh-in time is 6 p.m. and meetings start at 6:15 p.m. Meetings take place on Hamlin Street North, just south of the school. A meeting sign will be posted on the door to use, on the west side of the apartments.

Attendees' first meeting is free. Chapter fees go to purchase TOPS supplies and awards for members.

For more information, call Kathy (701-797-7574 or 701-322-5619), Gayle (701-270-9853) or Artha (701-270-8977 or 701-322-4341).

Donations for Pecka Cemetery

Those wishing to make donations to help with the cost of general maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery are asked to send them to: Pecka Cemetery Fund, Inc., c/o Robert Kubat, 120 Regina Ave. S., Park River, ND 58270-4404.

Car seat checks coming to Tolna and Michigan

Safe Kids Grand Forks will be hosting two free car seat checkup events in Nelson County during June. The first will be held Wednesday, June 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Tolna Tots Childcare Center in Tolna, and the second is set for Tuesday, June 23 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Munchkins Day Care Center in Michigan.

These events are open to the public and no appointment is necessary. If you don't have a car seat and cannot afford one, seats will be available.

The checkups are done in partnership with ND Vision Zero, Nelson-Griggs District Health Unit, ND Highway Patrol, Tolna Tots Childcare Center, Michigan Munchkins Day Care Center and the ND Department of Health.

Summer travel safety tips

Traveling by car is a part of everyday life. Whether heading to school, childcare, work or enjoying a family getaway, practicing basic safety skills can help ensure every trip is a safe one. As the busy summer travel season gets underway, Safe Kids Grand Forks is reminding families of important motor vehicle safety tips -- including the dangers of heatstroke -- to protect children on the road.

Nationally, four out of five car seats are used incorrectly. This misuse can lead to serious injuries or even death in the event of a crash. When used properly, car seats help keep occupants securely positioned so that airbags and other safety systems can function effectively.

Safe Kids Grand Forks also warns about the dangers of heatstroke, which is one of the leading causes of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children. A child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's, and the temperature inside a parked vehicle can rise rapidly -- even on mild days.

Safe Kids Grand Forks highlights the following common safety risks and prevention tips:

• **Look before you lock:** Always check the back seat before leaving your vehicle. Never leave a child alone in a car -- not even for a minute.

• **Create reminders:** Place a personal item like a phone, purse or work badge in the back seat to help ensure no child is left behind.

• **Keep cars locked:** Prevent children from entering vehicles on their own by keeping doors locked and keys out of reach.

In addition, Safe Kids Grand Forks continues to see common car seat misuses across the state:

• **Rear-facing safety:** Children should remain rear-facing until they reach the maximum limits of their seat (typically 30-50 pounds). Turning them too soon increases the risk of serious injury.

• **Harness use:** Children should remain in a five-point harness as long as possible -- at least until age four and reaching the seat's upper weight limit (this is often 65 pounds, but check your seat to be sure). Ensure straps are snug and properly positioned.

• **Tether straps:** Forward-facing seats include a tether that must be attached to the vehicle's anchor point to limit forward movement in a crash. Check your vehicle manual for location details.

• **Expiration dates:** Car seats expire due to wear and evolving safety standards. Most last about six years from the manufacture date, unless otherwise indicated on the sticker on the seat.

• **Back seat safety:** Kids age 12 and under should always ride in the back seat due to the risks posed by airbags.

• **Seatbelt use:** Every passenger should be buckled up on every trip. Most crashes happen close to home, and each person needs their own car seat, booster seat or seatbelt.

• **Booster seat guidelines:** While North Dakota law requires children under age eight to use a car or booster seat, many children need boosters until ages 10-12 for proper seatbelt fit. A correct fit includes:

-- Back against the seat

-- Knees bending at the edge of the seat

-- Feet flat on the floor

-- Shoulder belt across the collarbone, not the neck

-- Lap belt across the hips, not across the soft tummy tissue

If a child cannot maintain this position for the entire ride, a booster seat is still needed.

Safe Kids Grand Forks encourages all parents and caregivers to have their car seats checked by a certified child passenger safety technician to ensure proper installation and use.

For more information, visit www.safekidsgf.com or call Altru Health System at 701-780-1489.

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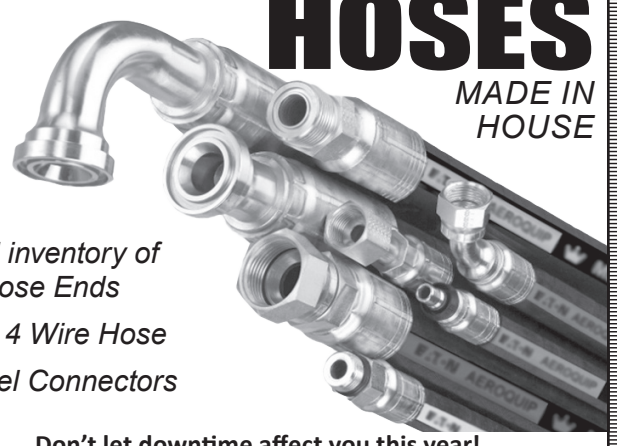

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- Tue., May 26: No Sale
- Tue., June 2: Regular Sale & Feeder Cattle Special
  Consignment - Noon
  Couple hundred black/black baldie replacement heifers
  1:00 Jallo Angus Bull Sale
  15 yearling Black Angus bulls
  Cow/calf pairs - call for info
- Tue., June 9: Regular Sale & Feeder Cattle Special
- Tue., June 16: No Sale
- Tue., June 23: No Sale

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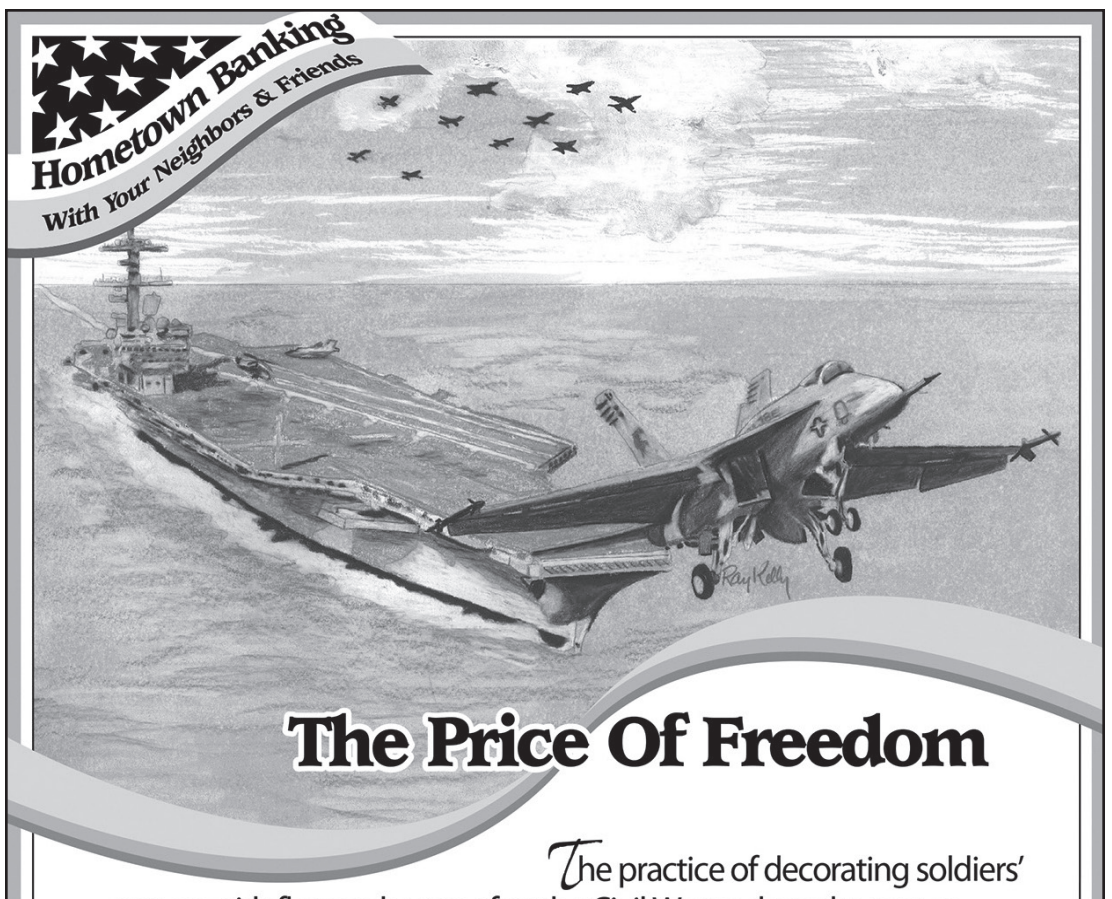

The Price Of Freedom

The practice of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers began after the Civil War and was known as Decoration Day. The name of the holiday was later changed to Memorial Day and is celebrated the last Monday in May.

Each Memorial Day, we remember the brave men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

"The freedoms that we enjoy in this great country today do not come without a price."
- General H. Norman Schwarzkopf

We are closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day

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