

Max City Council Meeting Minutes

The Max City Council met Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Council Members Swanson, Adams, Fritel, and Vert were present. Mayor Zabka Absent. Council President Swanson officiated the meeting. Visitor's present were Ray Iverson, Bryan Hauf, Kasey Wilen, Roger Westman, Jody Gullickson, and Michelle Peterson-Lies.

Council heard from Iverson about people he would like to recommend for the Museum Board. Council informed Iverson that they are still looking into the process and procedures. It will be addressed again in the near future.

Kasey Wilen, contractor, introduced himself to the city, and expressed interest in future contracts, or jobs the city may need. Council will consider his services if the need arises.

Bryan Hauf discussed and an old culvert that is collapsing near St. Matthews Church. Council will get estimates and plans to have it repaired.

Kathy Huettl recommended a Demolition Permit be granted for Westman to demolish a trailer on lot 2, and 3 of Block 19. Adams motioned to approve the permit for demolition. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Also, requested was a variance to the planning and zoning ordinance to allow Westman to bring in another single wide trailer to replace the one being demolished. Fritel motioned to approve the variance. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Amick presented council with estimated costs for the sewer repairs needed within the city. Financing options will be researched. Also mentioned, was the need to have Sweeney Controls come and look at SCADA for the Water Tower. Amick informed council the state is hiring staff to perform the Lead Surveys, but it will take time for them to get to every city that requested the service.

Maintenance discussed the need to have the necessary supplies, parts, etc. approved at meetings to plan ahead for projects and janitorial duties. Krebsbach presented a list of items of approval-Light bulbs, 4 boxes of large heavy duty trash bags, 2 boxes of 13-gallon trash bags, 2 jugs of Pine Sol, 2 poles and 2 flags to replace the ones that are damaged. Adams motioned to approve the purchase of the listed items. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Krebsbach discussed a plan to get plumbing estimates to replace meters at the school and install a meter at St Matthews Church, along with working to do maintenance and repair of curb stops, and street patching will begin in two weeks. Tabled from last meeting was the need for new pads for the loader. Estimated costs are approx. \$500 or less. Vert motioned approve the purchase of the pads. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Krebsbach informed the court that the attorney is working on the Municipal Court Ordinance. The auditor informed council that communication from attorney indicates it should be ready for the 1st reading at the next council meeting.

It is council consensus to plan a free Landfill Use Day on May 27th, 2023, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Other Free Use dates will be determined in the near future. Council directed the auditor to research what is prohibited to dispose of according to Circle Sanitations policies and post the information on flyers. Also discussed, was researching alternative options to dispose of tires, because of the costs to the Landfill due to EPA standards.

Presented to council was the new contract between the city and the State Tax Commissioners office authorizing the state to collect and distribute the city's Sales and Use Taxes. Fritel moved to accept and approve the contract. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Presented was the Gaming Site Authorization for the Red-Light Bar. Vert motioned to approve the Gaming Site Authorization. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Presented was a Gaming Permit for a Charitable Bingo Event by the Max Pax 4-H Club and requested permission for free use of the Civic Center Hall. Adams motioned to approve. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Free Use of the Civic Center Hall was requested by the Community Club for a Charitable event on June 4, 2023. Vert motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Fritel motioned to approve paying the city bills. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

BILLS TO PAY-MAY 2023		
ENTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Aramark	Rugs and Supplies-IN #'S 2550150409, 2550156490	286.10
Butler	Gate Repairs for Loader	895.98
Dakota Fire Extinguishers	Senior Center-\$91.74 & City Hall-\$103.78	195.52
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service	4,113.60
Donnie Krebsbach	Reimbursement for Paint-Stages	22.51
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Online-Estimated	1,750.00
Ferguson Water Works	Water Meter for the School	2,839.20
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs-Estimated	700.00
McLean County Sheriff's Dept.	Police Protection-Emergency Service	2,685.52
MDU	City Natural Gas Utility	658.55
Microsoft Office Cloud	Monthly fee-Auto paid from Debit Card	1.99
Municipal Judge	April 2023 Judges Pay	178.00
NorDak North Publications	Publishing-Estimated	200.00
NPRW	Purchased Water	3,990.45
Ottertail Power Company	City Electric Utility	1,524.80
Reservation Telephone Company	Phone and Internet Utilities-Estimated	406.00
Semchenko Electric	Change Light to LED in Library	179.16
Swanston Equipment	Cutting Edge for Bobcat	355.80
US Postal Service	Post Card Stamps- 2 rolls	98.00
Total		\$21,111.18

Financial reports were reviewed. Vert motioned to approve the financial reports. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council directed the auditor to send pink slips for delinquent city utility bills.

Adams motioned for meeting to adjourn. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a