

Max Council Meeting

The Max City Council met Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Zabka and council members Adams, Swanson, Fritel, and Vert were present. Visitors in attendance: Ray Iverson and Jody Gullickson, Kathy Huettl, and Nathan Amick of Ackerman-Estvold.

Meeting called to order.

Adams moved to approve and dispense with reading minutes from May. Fritel second, vote all aye. m/c/a.

Huettl informed council there will be an open position on the Planning and Zoning Commission next month. Concern was expressed regarding zoning issues with businesses located in residential areas. Also, it was brought to councils' attention of community questions regarding adequate water drainage for the Fishing Pond. Council explained that the pond did have a small culvert, but it was replaced with a larger one to increase efficiency. Huettl presented a building permit for Chris Vert to install a garage that is already built, and to be moved onto lots 10-15 of block 11. Swanson motioned to approve, Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. A fence permit was presented, but is not recommended for approval until more information is obtained.

Amick of Ackerman-Estvold discussed the sewer sludge that backed up the system over the weekend. A-1 was called in, and they jetted approximately 750 feet of the sewer into the lagoon. Amick advised that this is a common problem that can occur every few years, and should be monitored accordingly. Also, over the weekend, the water tower overflowed due to valve issues. Recommendations were made for repairs of the old culvert near St. Mathews Church.

Maint: Krebsbach informed council he met with NPRW regarding the water tower issue. The tower has a valve that needs replaced to regulate water pressure and flow. NPRW will contact Ferguson to order the necessary parts, and will repair the tower. In the meantime, Krebsbach will control the water pressure manually. Also discussed was the street patching project in front of city hall. Dakota Paving will contact the city with project details and scheduling. Estimates for meter installations at St. Matthews Church, and the school have been submitted. Vert motioned to approve the estimate for Absolute Comfort to do the meter installs. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Swanson motioned to approve needed maintenance supplies for the month of June. Adams second. m/c/a.

Council discussed reading the new court and alcohol ordinances. Due to the lengthy process, it's council consensus to set special meetings for the new ordinance readings, as well as an amendment to section 7.0222 of the water ordinance. The special meetings for the 1st readings will be June 19th at 7:00 pm, and the 2nd readings will be June 28th at 7:00 pm.

Discussed was the Sherriff's contract that is up for renewal in July. Council discussed that the money is quite high for the amount of fines the city receives. Council will schedule time to discuss the contract with the Sherriff's Dept. Council tables the contract until more information is obtained.

Swanson motioned to approve alcohol licenses for the Southside Lounge and the Red Light. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council discussed the package price of GIS mapping of the Curb Stop locations in the city. Zabka directed the auditor to obtain more information on NDRWSA's equipment and maintenance fees. Tabled until next meeting.

The library board has a three-year term open, and a new council member needs to serve for one year. The library board recommends Kelly Mason for the three-year term. Adams moves to appoint Kelly Mason. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Fritel moves to appoint Vert for the council member's one-year term. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council reviewed the Museum Board guidelines. Swanson motioned to accept the guidelines. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Employee evaluations are complete for Krebsbach. Adams motioned to approve a 3% increase. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Bills were presented.

BILLS TO PAY-JUNE 2023

ENTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Aramark	Rugs and Supplies	286.10
Beal Law Office	Calls, emails, ordinances	1,140.00
Butler	Cutting Edge Kit for Skid steer	931.14
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service	4,113.60
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Online- (May 2023) Employer's Cost	1,049.47
Fire Extinguishing System Inc.	Suppression System Inspection & Maintenance	334.80
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Immense Impact	Max Website Annual Charge	605.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	867.59
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Police Protection	2,685.52
MDU	City Natural Gas Utility	338.26
Menards	Replacement Flags, Flag Poles, and Cleaning Supplies	245.62
Municipal Judge	June 2023 Judges Pay	178.00
NorDak North Publications	Publishing	160.28
NPRW	Purchased Water	5,048.25
One Call	13 Locates	10.40
Ottertail Power Company	City Electric Utility	1,251.16
Reservation Telephone Company	Phone and Internet Utilities-Online PMT	407.07
Swanston Equipment	Crack Sealing Equipment Rental	1,975.00
United Rentals	Air Compressor Rental-for Crack Sealing of Streets	870.76
US Postal Service	1 roll of postcard stamps	48.00
Total		\$22,576.02

Vert motioned to approve paying bills. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Adams motioned to approve monthly financial reports. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Swanson motioned to purchase office

supplies. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Delinquent bills were reviewed. Auditor is directed to send pink slips and/or shut off notices as needed.

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

Meeting adjourned. Next regular council meeting due to the upcoming holiday will be held on July 5th at 7:00 pm.

Mayor-Aaron Zabka

Auditor-Anita Porter

Bank Balances