

CITY OF MAX COUNCIL MEETING

The Max City Council met Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Zabka and council members Swanson, Fritel, and Vert were present; Adams absent. Visitors in attendance were Ray Iverson, Michelle Peterson-Lies, and Jody Gullickson.

Meeting called to order.

Swanson moved to approve and dispense with reading minutes from June. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council re-reviewed the Fence Permit for Fowler, and Turcotte at Block 18, Lot 3. It is determined that the fence is appropriate. Vert motioned to approve the fence permit. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

N. Amick from Ackerman-Estvold discussed the water tower, no new recommendations. Still waiting on the parts and the water will be maintained manually by City Maintenance Dept.

Maintenance updated council that mowing is being maintained, and kept up, and notified council about the dump truck tire needing repaired. Also discussed was the plan to purchase paint, and touch up street markings and handicapped parking. Swanson motioned to approve the purchase of paint. Vert Second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Maintenance informed council that the 48" Dixon mower needs a new battery. Fritel motioned to approve the purchase of a new battery. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. There is need for another curb stop to be repaired at 406 Hill Street. Swanson discussed that he will be meeting with the contractor, and all curb stop issues will be scheduled for repair.

Council discussed the upcoming Sherriff's contract. Council recommends to wait on approval until after a request is made for the Sherriff to attend the meeting. Council discussed the GIS contract and agree that the low cost of \$160 a year for the convenience of knowing where all curb stops are located is a good investment for the city. Vert motioned to approve the GIS contract. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council reviewed the new Alcohol Licensing applications, due to the new alcohol ordinance requiring a drawing of the establishments floor plan, showing seating for adults and children. Vert motioned to accept the Red Light's application, and the drawing of the seating area for children and adults. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Max Café and Southside Lounges' application is tabled until next meeting when more information can be obtained.

Ray Iverson informed council of some temporary shelving being built in the Senior Center, and that he is still working on finding another person to be appointed to the Museum board. Also, the food pantry is still operating with less crowding in the foyer.

Michelle Peterson-Lies requested permission to block off part of the street for a street dance with a band, and have a street level Beer Garden Friday, August 4th of the Max Rodeo weekend. Jody Gullickson asked if there would adequate street clearance for emergency vehicles, and if there would be police presence. Michelle assured her and council that there will be emergency vehicle access, and that she is also arranging for a deputy to be present for the event. Fritel motioned to approve the blocking off of the street, and for the Red Light to have a street level Beer Garden. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council reviewed the Property Use agreement between the city and the Over 55 Club. Swanson motioned to accept the contract. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council reviewed the city's Fire and Tornado Insurance policy. It was recommended that the city upgrade to higher coverage since it was based on 1990 numbers, and the replacement cost today is greater. Council agreed that the costs are at least double to replace the City Hall building at today's costs. Fritel motioned to approve increasing the Fire and Tornado Insurance. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

ENTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A1 Evans Septic Service	Jetting for Sewer Line	1,000.00
Absolute Comfort	Plumbing for meter installs at school and St. Mathews Church	577.00
Aramark	Rugs and Supplies	461.85
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service	4,113.60
Dakota Fire Extinguishers	Service of fire extinguisher	42.94
Dakota Paving & Construction	Asphalt in from of City Hall	2,500.00
David Songstad	Reimbursement for Dixon 48" lawn mower-new battery	80.20
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Online-	2,797.20
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Garrison Insurance	Waiting for updated invoice-estimate	3,500.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	592.61
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Police Protection	2,685.52
North Dakota League of Cities Dues	Annual Dues	602.00
MDU	City Natural Gas Utility	124.65
Menards	Replacement Flags, Flag Poles, and Cleaning Supplies	90.66
Municipal Judge	June 2023 Judges Pay	178.00
NPRWD	Purchased Water	6,253.65
NorDak North Publications	Publishing	114.16
North Dakota Rural Water Assoc	Annual Dues-To be paid online	360.00
Northern Plains Equipment	Starter for Dixon Mover	40.90
Ottertail Power Company	City Electric Utility	1,268.65
Reservation Telephone Company	Phone and Internet Utilities-Online PMT	408.00
Rolling Hills Lumber	Sheet Rocks Screws for Flag Pole Repairs-Estimated-waiting for the bill	5.88
The Computer Store	Black & Color Ink	501.99
US Postal Service	1 roll of postcard stamps	96.00
Total		\$28,425.46

Council reviewed the monthly bills. Swanson motioned to pay the bills. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Monthly financial reports for June were reviewed. Vert motioned to accept and approve the financial reports. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

The Auditor is directed to send pink slips and/or shut off notices as needed for delinquent accounts.

The city Auditor will be out of the office from July 11th through the 20th.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Due to scheduling conflicts the next council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm.