

## Max Council Meeting

The Max City Council meeting was held on September 05, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Zabka, and council members-Swanson, Adams, Fritel, and Vert were present. Visitors in attendance were Jody Gullickson, Nick Yellowbird, Jennifer and Michele Peterson-Lies.

Meeting called to order.

Swanson motioned to approve and dispense with reading minutes from August, 2023. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Jennifer and Michele Peterson-Lies asked the council if they could leave a moveable shed on the side of their bar for the winter, and/or possibly lease the lot. Council informed them that the parcel is a right of way, but offered to do a Land Use agreement as long as they provided insurance for liability purposes, and heeded to easement measurements. Fritel motioned to approve a Land Use Agreement. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Nick Yellowbird filling in for Kathy Huettl, presented approval of a building permit for a covered porch to be built for the McElwain's, block 16, lot 10. Also, discussed was concern that there was a camp trailer in a residential area that someone possibly may be living in. Council will look into the matter.

Jody Gullickson presented to council, that Catherine Turcotte, who could not be present in person for the meeting, would like to be considered for appointment to the Planning & Zoning committee for their open position. N. Yellowbird agreed that another member is needed. Swanson motioned to appoint Catherine Turcotte as a member of the committee. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Nathan Amick of Ackerman Estvold informed council that they will be starting the Lead Line Surveys sometime in the next few weeks. Also discussed was the Water Analysis. It was recommended that it would be best to do it sometime in October. Tabled until next meeting.

Maintenance informed council that the Curb Stop locates are in progress. Krebsbach presented needed supplies, and a new weed cutter. Swanson motioned to approve. Adams second. Vote all aye. Also discussed were repairs needed for the sweeper attachment for the skid steer. Adams motioned to approve repairs. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a

Court report was presented indicating that fines were very low this time of year compared to last year. Judge also informed council that he will be attending the Mandatory Annual Conference on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and he will ask Songstad to attend the next meeting in his stead, if he cannot get back in time.

Council discussed the need for the Sherrif to be at a council meeting before the 2024 contract is signed. Swanson will contact him to arrange it. Tabled until next meeting.

Council discussed whether the city should have contractors excavate and tear down the house on Block 9, lots 3-6 or put them up for bid. Council agreed it would be best to have an asbestos inspection done on the house, and make the final decision after the city has those results. Tabled until next meeting. Council discussed putting an ad in the paper to sell fill dirt located at the landfill. Vert will get prices. Adams motioned to put the ad in the paper and sell the fill dirt. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a,

Swanson motioned to allocate ARPA funds to water and sewer infrastructure projects. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council agreed the auditor should attend a Black Mountain Software training in Bismarck on the 19<sup>th</sup> of this month, and pay for mileage. Swanson motioned to approve. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Adams motioned to approve the gaming permit for the Community Club's Meat Raffle to be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, during Santa Days. Adams motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Swanson motioned to approve the free use of the Civic Hall for Santa Days. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Bills to pay in September were reviewed.

**BILLS TO PAY-September 2023**

<b>ENTITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
A-1Septic	Jetting near D&L Auto	650.00
Aramark	Rugs and Supplies	318.80
Carousel Checks	Reorder because phone number was wrong-Paid 8/14/23	94.04
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service	4,093.50
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employers Portion)	1,378.52
D & L Auto	Tire Repair	22.00
Dakota Fire Extinguisher	Service/Extinguisher at Museum	44.82
David Songstad	Reimbursement for PVC Pipe	6.99
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Garrison Insurance	Balance for added coverage	709.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs-Estimated	663.46
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Police Protection	2,685.52
MDU	City Natural Gas Utility	97.63
Menards	Cleaning Supplies and Spray Paint for Curb stops	57.58
Microsoft Office	Coud Storage-paid online	1.99
Municipal Judge	June 2023 Judges Pay	178.00
NPRWD	Purchased Water	4,691.55
NorDak North Publications	Publishing	177.03
Northern Plains Equipment	Blades for Dixon Mower	67.25
Office Depot	Office Supplies purchase 8/25/23, paper, Folders, sheet protectors	103.69
One Call	Locates-14	18.20
Ottertail Power Company	City Electric Utility	1,107.51
Rolling Hills Lumber	Roof Sealer	63.74
Reservation Telephone Company	Phone and Internet Utilities	410.21
Sundre Sand & Gravel	Asphalt Recycle fill	432.60
Swanston Equipment	Parts	35.47
Tri Gen Partners	Weed Killer	46.93
US Bank	Adm fees for Street Improvement Bond Loan	550.00
US Postal Service	1 roll of postcard stamps & 1 Roll of regular postage stamps	117.00
Wild Prairie Solutions	Curb Stop Repairs, Sewer Tie in and Drain Fill	6,665.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$25,513.82</b>

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

Financial reports were presented. Swanson motioned to accept. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

The auditor was directed to send pink slips and/or shut off notices as needed.

Swanson motioned for meeting to adjourn. Vert second. Vote all aye. Meeting adjourned.

Next Council Meeting to be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor, Aaron Zabka

Anita Porter, Auditor