

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City of Max Council met on February 09, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Adams, and Council Members; Swanson, Fritel, Westman, and Weltikol present. Visitors in attendance were Bruce Schultz, Galen Scheresky, Dave Iverson, and Catherine Turcotte.

Mayor Adams called meeting to order.

Meeting minutes were approved and accepted as read.

Bruce Scheresky presented a plan to purchase lot 4 of Whiting Addition, asking for a variance to put in a brand new single wide, and possibly build a small garage if his sale goes through. Swanson motioned to approve the variance, Westman second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Galen Scheresky presented to council plans for parcel #76300100245000, that was approved to be rezoned from Agriculture to Residential in December 2012. The tentative plans are to work with engineers for the best location of a road, and establish 17-2 acre lots, for people to purchase and build homes. Scheresky will keep council updated. Tabled until more information is presented.

Dave Iverson informed council that he had put in an offer to purchase the Pour Choices Bar & Grill. He plans for the name to be Junction City Pub N Grub. The closing date is set for February 13<sup>th</sup>. Westman motioned to approve the liquor license contingent on final sale, and obtaining a Post Office Box number, for a city mailing address. Fritel second. Votes all aye, m/c/a.

Catherine Turcotte discussed her beatification plan to plant trees to improve the alley between her property line and the park. She will meet with the park board to discuss the plan as well.

Court report was presented, the city received \$70 in citations for the month of January.

Nathan Amick of Ackerman-Estvold presented low interest funding programs from DSWF for lead line service replacements. The auditor will call DSWF to enquire about details.

Maintenance requested purchasing a new lawn mower. Swanson will look into the costs. Tabled.

City Bonding through North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund was presented. Swanson motioned to approve. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

A transfer in the amount of \$1,500 to the Water Tower Money Market Acct. is needed to make the Water Tower Interest payment. Weltikol motioned to approve the transfer. Westman second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Council commended with the first reading of the Floodplain Ordinance. Westman motioned to approve the first reading. Fritel second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Bills to pay in February were presented, along with the January Financial reports. Fritel motioned to approve. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

<b>ENTITY</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
A1 Evans Septic Service	Jetting on 3rd Ave	350.00
Bank of North Dakota	Water Tower Bond Interest & Adm Fees	1,687.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	Medical Insurance (Employer Portion)	1,000.00

Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,333.50
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) JAN 2026	580.19
Fireside Office Solutions	2 Black Ink Cartridges and 1 set of Color Cartridges	579.83
First District Health	Water Testing	45.00
Max Farm Service	Fuel Costs (Estimated waiting for bill)	293.69
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Law enforcement Contract	2,794.01
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	582.95
Menards	Janitorial Supplies, Wipers, Spotlight	252.41
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	142.39
Municipal Judge	Monthly Pay	178.00
NorDak North Publications	Publications	315.23
NPRWD	Purchased Water	4,090.05
One Call	Utility Locates	4.50
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,551.28
Sundre Sand & Gravel	Sand and salt	2,518.05
QuickBooks	Online Subscription	357.00
RTC	Phone and Internet	411.00
US Postal Service	2 rolls regular and 2 rolls billing (already purchased) water issue letters	278.00
Workforce Safety Insurance	WSI for 2025	494.33
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>20,307.08</b>
Office Depot	Paper, Cable Clips, and 1 box of File Folders - approved last month	<b>108.67</b>

Employee evaluation was completed for the auditor. Mayor Adams recommends a \$1 an hour raise. Westman motioned to approve. Weltikol second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Delinquent City Utility accounts were discussed. Council directed auditor to send pink slips/place door notices as needed.

Swanson motioned for meeting to adjourn. Fritel second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a. Meeting adjourned.

Next council meeting will be held on March 02, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

#### ORDINANCE 2026-1

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAX, NORTH DAKOTA:

#### SECTION 6.0 VIOLATIONS

#### 6.1 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

- 1) Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements, including violations on conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants or variances or conditional uses, shall constitute a misdemeanor. Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment for each such offense, and in addition shall pay costs and expenses involved in the case. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.
- 2) Nothing herein contained shall prevent Max City Council from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.