

Max City Council met on Monday, April 07, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Zabka and Council Members; Swanson, Fritel, Adams, and Westman were present. Visitors in attendance on the agenda were Amy Hauf, and Brett Henne. Several community bystanders were also in attendance.

Mayor Zabka called the meeting to order.

Adams moved to approve and dispense with reading of the march, 2025, meeting minutes. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Mayor Zabka opened the meeting with a statement to the community, that an incident that allegedly occurred at a business here in town, is not on the agenda for this meeting. He stated that there is an ongoing investigation, and that at some point in time, the city will be reviewing the McLean County State's Attorney's information on the case. If the findings require council action, it will be addressed then.

Amy Hauf presented the Max Community Library Statistical Report for the finances for 2024. Westman motioned to approve. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Brett Henne updated council on the reopening day in March for the Food Pantry. The food pantry served 51 people, and the distribution was quick and efficient. He and the board are optimistic that it will continue.

Kathy Huettl from Planning & Zoning presented a fence permit. The committee made a recommendation of approval. Swanson motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. She also informed council of a possible rezoning request from residential to commercial for one of the empty lots recently sold located across near Prairie St behind the Cenex property, sometime in mid to late May. Huettl will keep in communication with the auditor on the process.

Nathan Amick updated council on the progress of the door-to-door stage of the Lead Line Survey.

Bids were presented to replace the Sewer Lift Station pumps. Westman motioned to accept the bid from ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service co, for \$26,610. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. A bid was presented for the electrical work on Sewer Lift Station. Fritel motioned to approve a bid from Semchenko Electric for \$11,225. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Maintenance requested 2 Curb Stop Extensions, 2 gate valve covers, paint, and new handicap signs. Adams motioned to approve the purchases. Swanson second. Vote all aye. Maintenance will start replacing old meters to get ready for the new reading system. Council directed maintenance to work the curb stops and compile a list that need repaired or replaced.

Council held discussion on the balloon payment coming up for the loader in November. It is council consensus that refinancing and purchasing an extended warranty is the best option. Westman motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Huettl presented two bids for the senior center roof. She announced that the Douglas Sportsman's Club donated \$5000 for the project. Two bids were presented. One for 9,000 with additional charges if there is unseen water damage to be repaired. Council agrees that it is the best option. Business license and insurance documentation needs to be submitted before final decision is made. Tabled.

Discussion was held on the designation of Municipal Infrastructure funds. The sewer lift station, curb stops, and street repairs are state authorized uses for the funds. Council directed maintenance to work the curb stops and compile a list that need repaired or replaced. Final decisions will be made when total costs are known. Tabled.

Presented was a gaming site authorization for gaming at the Red-Light Bar for E Tabs, Pull Tabs, and Bingo. Adams motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Bills to pay for the month of April were presented. Adams motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

BILLS TO PAY-APRIL 2025		
ENTITY	Electric Utilities	AMOUNT
Beall Law Office	Attorney Fees-Food Pantry Contract	385.00
Black MTN Software	Utility Billing Annual Fees	2,726.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	Medical Insurance (Employer Portion)	1,000.00
Bobcat of Mandan	Replacement Street Brushes	859.61
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,323.75
Dakota Fluid Power	Hydraulic Hoses	97.51
Donald Krebsbach	Reimbursement for AED Batteries	64.48
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) MAR2025	879.23
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	190.01
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Police Protection	2,739.23
McLean County Treasurer	Assessors Fees	1,390.00
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	599.96
Menards	Totes, and Janitorial Supplies	242.52
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	2.14
Municipal Judge	Monthly Pay	178.00
NorDak North Publications	Publishing- estimated-Estimate	153.52
NPRWD	Purchased Water	4,173.30
One Call	Utility Locates	3.00
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,373.49
QuickBooks	Monthly Subscription	367.00
RTC	Phone Bill	411.00
Swanston Equipment	Hyd. Hoses	153.68
TeamLab Innovative Solutions	Road Patch	1,060.50
US Postal Service	1 Roll Post Card, 1 Roll Regular Stamps	129.00
Totals		23,531.93

The monthly financial reports for the month of March were presented. Adams motioned to approve. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. The 1st Quarter Budget Reports were presented. All funds are in positive standing. Westman motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Delinquent accounts were presented. Council directed the auditor to send late/shut off notices as needed.

The Auditor will be out of the office April 17-April 23rd.

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

The next city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 06, 2025 at 7:00 pm

There will be a Tax Equalization meeting held April 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Aaron Zabka, Mayor

Anita Porter, Auditor