

The Max city council met on Monday, June 02, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Zabka, Council Members; Swanson, Adams, and Westman were present, Fritel absent. Visitor in attendance was Lowell Malard, from Butler Machinery.

Mayor Zabka called the meeting to order.

Swanson moved to approve and dispense with reading of minutes from the month of May. Westman second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a.

Lowell Malard presented council with information regarding the decision to refinance the balloon balance of \$75,000 for the loader. He informed that it would be best to wait until 60 days before the balloon payment is due for a hard quote on the interest rate. Council agreed to wait until October to start the financing process. Since the warranty had already expired, he suggested the city to not wait on purchasing the warranty. Council consensus was to go with the 48-month, 1000 hours, option for \$3220. Adams motioned to approve the purchase. Westman second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a.

Maintenance discussed the senior center porch. It is determined that a contractor should complete the job. Adams motioned to approve for \$500 for the project. Swanson second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a.

Maintenance informed council that TeamLab is still going to come with the Sonar Boat, and scan the lagoon. They will notify the city with a date and time before they come.

Council discussed the dangerous building located across HWY 83. The auditor informed that 1st District Health was supposed to come Friday to inspect the property. Council will wait until we hear back from them to determine what to do next. Tabled.

Nathan Amick from Ackerman Estvold recommended prices for dirt at the landfill. Council consensus is for U-load Prices to be at \$10 a ton for top soil, and clay fill dirt at \$2 a ton.

Discussed were the trees blocking the line of site of traffic, at 7th Ave and Carvell St. The property owners have been notified. Westman moved to schedule a council hearing in the matter. Swanson second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a. Council directed the auditor to contact the city attorney to see if June 19th or the 26th would work for her to be in attendance.

Council discussed putting part of the 134.09 acres, the N½, Section 16, T150N, R83W, back up for bid for hay land, on a 5-year contract like in the past, for \$500 a year minimum bid. Westman motioned to approve. Swanson second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a. Auditor will put an ad in the paper.

Mayor Zabka opened the sealed bids for lots 5-7 of block 2, Original Town Plat of Max. There were two bids, one for \$2,000 from Sam Adams, the other for \$2,501 from Chris and Katie Vert. Both accepted the city conditions as is. Westman motioned to award the bid to Chris and Katie Vert for \$2,501. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

The auditor presented a letter from the city attorney, to council, regarding the city's Pit Bull Ordinance. She confirmed that the laws in our ordinance stand. Council consensus is to enforce the ordinance.

Liquor licenses for the Red-Light Bar and Pour Choices Bar & Grill are up for renewal for July through December 2025. Adams motioned to approve the renewals. Swanson second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a.

Discussion was held regarding the parking problems on city residential streets. The auditor will research the ND Century Code, and how other North Dakota cities are dealing with the same types of issues. Westman motioned to redo the current ordinance regarding parking and have the 1st reading at the July meeting. Swanson second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a.

Bills to pay in June were presented. Swanson motioned to approve. Adams second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a.

BILLS TO PAY-JUNE 2025		
ENTITY	Electric Utilities	AMOUNT
Beal Law Office	Letters and phone calls-pit bull ordinance, hay land contract, Haveluck property	450.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	Medical Insurance (Employer Portion)	1,000.00
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,211.75
Core & Main	Curb stop/Rod Key, curb stop boxes-Purchased by debit card-May	253.28
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) MAY	675.92
Ferguson Waterworks	Meter Pucks	373.12
Fire Extinguishing Systems	Fire Suppression System Maintenance	426.80
Fireside Office Solutions	Black, and Color printer ink	402.05
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
HWY 83, Lawn, Leisure & Supply	Ball valve-Purchased by debit card in May	60.88
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	277.51
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Law enforcement Contract	2,739.23
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	191.33
Menards	Janitorial supplies, Hardware, Outdoor carpet and adhesive	137.29
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	2.14
Municipal Judge	Monthly Pay	178.00
ND Municipal Judge's Association	Annual Fee	25.00
NorDak North Publications	Publishing- estimated-bill not received	150.00
NPRWD	Purchased Water	4,623.45
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,195.73
QuickBooks	Monthly Subscription	273.00
RTC	Phone Bil Estimated, bill not received yet	411.00
US Postal Service	1 roll general mail stamps	73.00
	Totals	18,160.48
Office Supplies Approved and paid for in May	Sticky Notes \$17.99, Binder Clips \$6.29, Pens 72 pack \$23.98, Planner \$21.99	70.25

Financial reports for May were presented. Westman motioned to approve. Adams second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a.

Delinquent accounts were discussed. Council directed auditor to send pink slips/shut off notices as needed.

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

Next regular council meeting to be held on July 07, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Aaron Zabka, Mayor

Anita Porter, Auditor