

The Max City Council met Monday, July 01, 2024 at 7:15 pm. Mayor Zabka, and council members; Swanson, Adams, Fritel, and Westman were present. Visitors in attendance were McLean County Deputy Arlan Swanson, Ray Iverson, Amy Hauf, Jody Gullickson, Michele Peterson-Lies, Susan Halverson, Nancy Gullickson, Catherine Turcotte, Kathy Huettl and Alex and Brandi Hemphill.

Meeting called to order.

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

Iverson discussed that the class of 74 reunion went well. Also discussed were some ideas to alleviate noise and disruption with the food pantry. Such as, changing the rules, then moving the day if problems persist.

Halverson discussed that they would like to see council members meet with the Over 55 Club. Discussion was held about the rails on the porch at the senior center being loose, reminded that the annual contract needs to be renewed, and the faucet still needs installed. Also discussed was the possibility of the Over 55 Club qualifying for an Urban Planning Grant, and informing that there will be a picnic in the small city park on August 8<sup>th</sup>, and invited council to attend.

Jody Gullickson presented a statement to council listing some areas of concern. Some issues were, the tax payers not getting to decide with their vote on some decisions made in the past about where tax dollars are being spent, i.e., the Senior Center, Food Pantry, and the Museum. Also mentioned were bathrooms needing updated, and more durable flooring for the hall.

Kathy Huettl presented a demolition permit for McElwain Construction to demo the house next to Cenex. Swanson motioned to approve. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Katherine Turcotte discussed renewal of her fence permit she obtained last year. Swanson motioned to approve the renewal. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Nathan Amick submitted a report outlining the next steps in the Lead Line Survey Process. Starting in October sampling for Lead and Copper will be taken and tested, and Water Operators are to track any time a service line could be identified during normal activities. Discussed was the possibility that funding may be available for replacements if necessary. A letter from ND Department of Environmental Quality was presented from the auditor, to council stating the City of Max is in compliance with the first stage of the survey.

Discussed were paving and curb stop bids. Council directed maintenance to get another bid for each. Maintenance discussed with council that a light fixture needs replaced in the shop. Also discussed was the need for more Water Meters, and reading Pucks and a Down Spout Extender for the front rain gutter on the hall building. Westman motioned to approve purchases. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Westman informed council of a place in Mandan, that may come and shred tires. He will check with the company about their services and see if it is a possible option at the landfill.

Alex and Brandi Hemphill introduced themselves to council, they are purchasing the Max Café, and Southside Lounge. The new establishment will be called Pour Choices Bar & Grill. Presented was the alcohol license application for the new establishment. Discussed was the timeline that the alcohol

license can be active for the new establishment, as well as for Southside Lounge while they are still in operation. Kathy Huettl discussed that August 3<sup>rd</sup> is their last day of business. Both agreed that August 4<sup>th</sup>, is a good date for the new alcohol license to go into effect. Fritel motioned to approve the Liquor license to go into effect on August 4, 2024, Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Kathy Huettl requested to be able to block off a small area in front of South Side Lounge on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for their last event for their business. Adams motioned to approve. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Arlan Swanson discussed with council, their concerns, regarding the cost of the Law Enforcement contract, and why the county doesn't accept negotiations. He explained that if a city doesn't agree to the contract, the hours allotted, will go to another city. He explained how the hours are used, in the areas of patrolling duties, school interaction, and resident calls. It was council consensus to keep the contract with McLean County Sherriff's office. Fritel motioned approve the contract. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council discussed updating the signers for bank accounts. It is agreed that both Westman and the auditor will be added to the General Ledger Checking Account, the Street Improvement Bond Money Market Account, the Sewer Money Market Account, and the Water Tower Bond Money Market Account, and leaving active council members current signers as is. Adams motioned to remove Chris Vert from said bank accounts, and add Westman and the Auditor, Anita Porter, as signers. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Presented was the Gaming Site Authorization for the Douglas Sportsman's Club, at Southside Lounge. Swanson motioned to approve. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Presented was the Max Community Club's Local Gaming Permit, for their Rifle Raffle, to be held on December 09, 2024, at 8:00 pm, at the Over 55 Club. Swanson motioned to approve. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Presented was the annual NDIRF Fire & Tornado Insurance Policy. Adams motioned to approve the purchase. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Bills to pay in July were presented. Westman motioned to pay the bills. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

**BILLS TO PAY-JULY 2024**

<b>ENTITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Ackerman Estvold	Engineering Costs	185.00
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,314.50
Dave Songstad	Reimbursement-NAPA-Oil & Filters	90.16
Donnie Krebsbach	Reimbursement-Cement Grout	31.18
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) May 2024	990.63
Fire Extinguishing Systems INC	Fire Suppression System Inspection	359.80
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	681.48
Max Community Library	ND State Aid Distribution	382.42
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Police Protection	2,685.52

MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	111.55
Menards	INV 60788, 60212 supplies and hardware	142.81
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage-paid online	1.99
Municipal Judge	July 2024 Judges Pay	178.00
ND League of Cities	Annual Dues	620.00
NorDak North Publications	Publishing- estimated, waiting for the bill \$200	119.90
NPRWD	Purchased Water	4,912.95
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,134.49
PolyPro LLC	SC Porch Lift-Paid for In June	900.00
QuickBooks	July Subscription	187.50
Reservation Telephone Company	Phone and Internet- Estimate, bill not arrived yet	408.00
Rolling Hills Lumber	Hardware for Rain gutter Repairs	21.21
Stein's In.	Toilette paper for BR Dispensers	43.93
Swanston Equipment	Crack Sealing-Equipment Rental	400.00
US Postal Service	1 Roll Post Card Stamps-1 Roll Regular Stamps	53.00
		18,986.02

Financial reports and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter budget Review were presented. Swanson motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council directed the auditor to send pink slips/post shut off notices as needed.

Auditor requested a box of paper, black printer ink, and manilla folders. Adams motioned to approve the purchase of the office supplies. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

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

The next regular City of Max Council Meeting will be held on August 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Aaron Zabka, Mayor

Anita Porter, Auditor