

Max City council met on July 06, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Gullickson, and Council Members; Fritel, Westman, and Weltikol were present. Sayler, absent.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Mayor Gullickson called the meeting to order.

Westman moved to approve and dispense with reading minutes from June. Fritel second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

A building permit was presented for a deck and new garage doors for Catherine Turcotte, and Paul Fowler at Lot 4 of Park Addition. Weltikol motioned to approve. Westman second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

A Municipal Court Report was presented. Fines received were \$110 for the month of June. Total year to date is \$815.

Nathan Amick suggests the city consider putting in Valley Gutters, and reinforcing areas where pavement meets gravel, and replacing a gate valve. He recommends identifying the problem areas and research costs and financing options. Amick also requested a PDF copy of the Lease Agreement for the Water Tower antenna to present to NPRWS.

Maintenance presented a bid for the removal of the Willow Tree at the park and suggests waiting for more bids to be obtained. The council agrees. Tabled until the next meeting. A new broom for the street sweeper in the amount of \$770 was requested. Fritel motioned to approve. Weltikol second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a. Discussed was the city moving to a work order system for purchases, and maintenance to report issues to the corresponding department representatives to eliminate need for unnecessary text message communication between council members. Also, to develop check lists for job duties to aid in scheduling tasks. Council consensus is to review proposed checklists before a final decision is made. Tabled.

Discussion was held on the 2027 Law Enforcement Agreement. Council consensus is to wait until Sayler returns from vacation for his input on the matter. Tabled.

North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association will be replacing their current Water Mapping System with Diamond maps. It is a better system than the current one used, and it is suggested that the city obtain it as well. The cost will be \$168 annually. Westman motioned to approve. Fritel second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

Fritel motioned to remove Swanson and Adams from all city bank accounts. Weltikol second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a. Council consensus is to have all current council members as signers for city bank accounts to ensure that someone is available at all times. Fritel motioned to appoint all council members as signers for all of the city bank accounts as follows: Mayor Gullickson and Council Members; Westman, Fritel, Weltikol, and Sayler for City General Ledger Checking, Water Money Market, Sewer Money Market, Municipal Maintenance & Infrastructure Money Market, Water Tower Money Market, and General Fund Deficiency Money Market accounts. Weltikol second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

Westman motioned to appoint Craig Smith, David Songstad, and Shawn Fritel as signers on the Menards account for the city. Weltikol second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

Presented are the City Liability and Fire & Tornado Insurance policies. Weltikol motioned to approve. Fritel second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

Discussion was held about the City Cemeteries needing more care with tree trimming, animal control, and unmarked grave location for preservation. Council consensus is to investigate resources and costs. Tabled until more information can be obtained.

Mayor Gullickson expressed interest in obtaining gaming funds to provide entertainment for the Max Community Picnic to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the nation for the community.

Bills to pay for the month of June and May financial reports were presented. Weltikol motioned to approve. Westman second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

Bills to pay-July 2026		
ENTITY	Description	AMOUNT
Acme Tools	Weed Trimmer Batteries	29.97
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	Medical Insurance (Employer Portion)	1,000.00
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,348.75
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) JUN 2026	960.96
Fire Extinguishing Systems, Inc.	Fire Suppression System inspection	426.80
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
G & P Commercial Sales	Toilet Tissue, Paper Towel Rolls	195.59
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	490.59
McLean County Auditor.	Election Fees	100.00
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Law enforcement Contract	2,794.01
McRandall Mobile Glass	Windshield Install for Skid Steer	350.00
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	127.89
Menards	Supplies and Hoses and adapters, Flags, HYD Oil	262.27
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	2.14
Municipal Judge	Monthly Pay	178.00
ND League of Cities	Annual Dues	658.00
NorDak North Publications	Publications (est. waiting for invoice)	170.15
NPRWD	Purchased Water	5,893.45
One Call Concepts	Utility locates	10.50
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,278.04
QuickBooks	Online Subscription - March	285.00
Randy Ritz Drywall	Auditor's Office Ceiling Repair	871.00
RTC	Phone and Internet Service	404.00
Straight Talk	Maintenance phone	48.25
Swanston Equipment	Windshield, Washer, Seals	360.53
TriGen Ag Partners	Weed Killer	54.47
US Postal Service	2 Post Card Rolls of Stamps	122.00
Totals		21,827.36

Westman motioned to approve the purchase of needed office supplies. Fritel second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

Council directed the auditor to send pink slips and/or place door notices for delinquent city utility accounts as needed.

The 2026 Quarter 2 Budget Reports were presented. The city is within its budget goals, and provided that no major issues arise, the city is on track with both expected income and expenses.

Weltikol motioned for meeting to adjourn. Westman second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Council Meeting to be held on August 03, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

June 01, 2026 council meeting minutes correction; There was a double paragraph for the second reading of amended Section 10, of Ordinance No. 2025-1, 48 Hour Parking. The third paragraph should have read Section 13, of Parking Ordinance 2025-1, Snow Removal Parking.

Jody Gullickson, Mayor

Anita Porter, Auditor