

The Max City Council met on Monday September 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Council members Swanson, Adams, and Westman were present. Zabka and Fritel absent. Visitors in attendance were Jessica Henne and Donald Krebsbach.

Meeting called to order.

Adams moved to approve and dispense with reading minutes from August, Westman second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a.

Jessica Henne presented a plan for a Blast into Summer event for Memorial Day 2026, in collaboration with the McLean County 4-H Ambassadors, and possible local businesses. The event will include go carts from B&B Racers, and other fun family activities as funding becomes available. Henne requested to close off the city street between 2nd and 3rd Ave for the go carts. Adams motioned to approve, Westman second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a. Henne will keep in communication with council as more details become available.

Judge Krebsbach informed council, that people have been cited for possession of Pit Bulls within the city of Max. The court has ordered that the dogs be removed from the city, or provide DNA results that prove they are legal. A total of 3 dogs has been removed from the city. There is one resident who has not been able to establish DNA that would prove their dogs are legal to be in the city limits of Max. Krebsbach informed council that he plans to make a judgement for them to pay fines, as stated in Ordinance No. 107.

Maintenance: Smith informed council that uploading apps for city business may have compromised his phone. He requested that the city provide a phone to be used specifically for city business. Adams motioned to approve. Westman second. Vote, all aye. Water meter registers are all in place. Ferguson Water works came to train staff on the first reading for the new meter reading system. There is some software communication issues but they should be worked out by the next reading date and billing cycle. Westman asked if there was any update as to when Teamlab, Inc. would be here to sonar the lagoon. Smith informed that Teamlab has a full schedule for their services, and he is still waiting to hear back from them.

Bids were presented for the City Hall and Over 55 Club's roofing projects. Adams motioned to approve the bid from Gronos Construction for a shingled roof for city hall, in the amount of \$35,500. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. The auditor informed council, that she spoke with Karen Berg, who presented the Over 55 Club's fund-raising plans. The Over 55 Club is confident that they will raise enough money to pay for Over 55 Club's roof. Westman motioned to approve Tops Roofing bid for a metal roof in the amount of \$17,900. Adams second. Vote, all aye. m/c/a.

Council received a letter from Aaron Zabka, resigning from his position of mayor as of August 11, 2025. Discussion was held on whether to have a special election for a position. Council consensus is to appoint a council member due the costliness to have the county facilitate it, and it is a temporary appointment that will be on the ballot for the June election. Council President Swanson stated that with his already full schedule, that he would not be able to give the deserved time, that the position requires. Adams expressed his willingness to serve. Swanson moved to appoint Adams to serve as mayor until the term expires. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Council discussed that this appointment, also leaves another temporary vacant seat to be filled until the next election. Any person interested in filling this

vacant seat should submit a letter of interest to the Auditor's office no later than 4:00 pm on October 06, 2025.

Auditor informed council that new state legislation requires that an open comment section be placed on the ballot. A policy needs to be set in place, and the auditor will have it ready for council to review at the next council meeting.

Council set a free Landfill Day for fall cleanup, for October 11, from 8:00 am until noon. All rules and regulations will apply for using the landfill that day.

Bills to pay for October were presented. Westman motioned to approve. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

ENTITY	Description	AMOUNT
Ackerman Estvold	Measure Triangle Line of Sight	2,626.88
Acme Tools	Chainsaw Chains	88.93
Beal Law Office PLLC	Council meeting, phone calls, emails	985.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	Medical Insurance (Employer Portion)	1,000.00
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,259.75
Core & Main	Water Parts	324.98
Dakota Fluid Power	Gate Assembly Hoses	309.47
Doug Zabka	Mosquito Sprayer parts and repairs	140.00
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) AUG	910.43
Fireside Office Solutions	Black Ink, 2 Cartridges	176.26
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Max Farm Service	Fuel Costs	431.44
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Law enforcement Contract	2,739.23
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	69.76
Menards	Janitorial supplies and Parts	187.48
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	2.14
Municipal Judge	Monthly Pay	178.00
ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Services	List Station Pumps	26,610.00
NorDak North Publications	Publications	544.02
NPRWD	Purchased Water	4,883.80
One Call	Utility Locates	8.35
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,096.16
RTC	Phone and Internet	407.00
QuickBooks	Monthly Subscription	285.00
Schumaier Concrete	Senior Center Porch, and sidewalk	4,651.00
Swanston Equipment	Hydraulic hoses	95.89
TriGen	GlyStar	93.46
US Postal Service	1 Roll Post card, and on roll regular mail postage	139.00
Totals		49,589.61

The September financial reports were presented. Adams motioned to approve. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Delinquent accounts were presented. Council directed the auditor to send pink slips/shutoff notices as needed.

Office supplies requested is an Otter Box case to protect the IPAD in the field, when reading meters. Adams motioned to approve. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

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

Next regular council meeting will be held on October 06, 2025 at 7:00 pm.