Max City Council Meeting was held on September 08, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Gullickson; and Council Members Fritel, Westman, Weltikol, and Sayler were present. Visitors in attendance were Gary Syverson, from TEAMLAB Innovations, Julie McElwain, Trina Holter and Dany Ruby from Circle Sanitation were present.

Mayor Gullickson called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting minutes for August were approved and accepted as read.

Gary Syverson presented sonar data from the lagoon collected earlier this summer, and a bio treatment plan to reduce sludge buildup. City Engineer, Nathan Amick, is going to look into all options and give his recommendation. Tabled until more information can be obtained.

Dan Ruby and Trina Holter from Circle Sanitation proposed a 5-year contract renewal for the City of Max. Westman motioned to approve the contract renewal. Fritel second. Weltikol, Westman, Fritel Vote aye. Sayler abstained, stating conflict of interest.

Presented were a moving permit to bring in a single wide mobile home, and a building permit to attach a prefabricated deck at lot 5 of Whiting Addition. Weltikol motioned to approve. Westman second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Presented was a revision to Sayler's building permit issued in April for his garage, from 24x40x12 to 36x24x14 or less. Permission has been received from neighboring property owners, to build to the edge of the house 5 ft from the property line, not overhang. Fritel motioned to approve. Weltikol second. Fritel, Weltikol, and Westman Vote all ayes. Sayler abstained, stating conflict of interest. m/c/a.

Court report was presented. Fines up a little from previous month at $60 and YTD Total is $950.

Nathan Amick informed council that the DEQ will be providing Funding Consultants to communities that need assessment regarding the Lead Line Improvement Plan required by DEQ.

Maintenance requested to purchase tires for both the pickup and the skid steer, curb brushes for the skid steer, and to have new lights installed in the shop. Fritel motioned to approve. Weltikol second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a. The John Deere lawn mower needs serviced. Smith will make arrangements for someone to look it over, and determine costs. Tabled until next meeting. Fritel motioned to set lead maintenance schedule for Spring/Summer hours to April 15th through October 14th, from 6:30 am to 3:00 pm, and Fall/Winter hours from October 15 through April 14, from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, with the exception of earlier mornings needed for snow removal. Westman second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a. Also, Further discussion was held on the daily logs and check lists. Council consensus is that only the daily log and the seasonal-monthly checklist will be required. Fritel motioned to approve maintenance to spend up to $200 without a purchase/work order. Westman second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a. DEQ Water & Lagoon Report, and a Water Testing letter were presented.

Mayor Gullickson stated that women's restroom vanity should be replaced. Smith stated there are issues in the men's room that could be addressed. The auditor will get estimates for both, repairs and remodels. Tabled.

Auditor informed that there was a virus on the office computer. It was taken to The Computer Store in Minot, where it was wiped and is like new again. Better virus protection was installed.

Sayler motioned to approve the 2027 Law Enforcement Agreement with McLean County Sheriff's Dept. Westman second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Council was updated about a Fish and Game dept grant program that can aid in putting in a fishing pier in at Elbow Lake. The grant would cover all but 25% that the city would have to contribute, which will be approximately $7,500. Deadline to requests funds is February 1st, 2027. Tabled.

Tara Garcia would like to put a Max Community Market sign by the other signs, at the entrance of Max until the event is over in October. Sayler motioned to approve. Fritel second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Council Concerns-Open Discussion: Mayor Gullickson stated that she would like the city to possibly do something in conjunction with the Fire Department, and invite the community for a farewell event for the Hannegrefs to show appreciation for their years of contributions to the school and the community. Tabled until more information can be obtained.

Sayler motioned to approve the purchase of a printer and ink for the municipal court in the amount not to exceed $250. Fritel second. Votes, all ayes. m/c/a.

Bills to pay in September and the August Financial reports were presented. Weltikol motioned to approve. Westman second. Votes all ayes, m/c/a.

Bills to Pay-SEP 2026

ENTITY	Description	AMOUNT
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	Medical Insurance (Employer Portion)	1,000.00
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,401.75
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) AUG 2026	915.72
Ferguson Waterworks	Neptune 360 Support Annual Fee	1,400.00
Fireside Office Solutions	1 Set Color, and 2 Black Ink Cartridges. Approved in July	579.83
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Hayley Stotz	Refund of Water Retainer Fees	150.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	335.22
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Law enforcement Contract	2,794.01
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	67.23
Menards	Shop Supplies, parts, and janitorial IN223914, 23501, 24112	337.72
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	2.14
Municipal Judge	Monthly Pay	178.00
ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station	Lift Station Repair	3,395.00
NorDak North Publications	Publications	387.62
NPRWD	Purchased Water	5,417.20

One Call Concepts	Utility locates	22.50
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,114.10
QuickBooks	Online Subscription	214.00
RTC	Phone and Internet Service	410.00
S & J Hardware	Keys	4.00
Schumaier, Jason	Work Bench Build	100.00
Straight Talk	Maintenance phone	48.25
The Computer Store	Computer Service	434.99
TriGen Ag Partners	Weed Killer	55.01
US Postal Service	1 Roll of Post Card Stamps and 2 Rolls of General Postage Stamps	229.00
Totals		**24,023.29**

Delinquent accounts were presented. Auditor is directed to send pink slips/place door notices as needed.

Westman motioned for meeting to adjourn. Fritel second, votes, all aye. m/c/a. Meeting adjourned

Next City Council meeting will be held on October 05, 2026.

Jody Gullicskon, Mayor Anita Porter, Auditor