

## **CITY OF MAX COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 03, 2022**

Mayor A. Zabka and Council Members, S. Schneider, S. Adams, C. Swanson, S. Fritel present. Visitors in attendance: Jason Lee of ND Game and Fish, Ray Iverson, and Ward Heidbreder of ND Rural Water Association.

N. Schneider move to approve and dispense with reading minutes from September. S. Adams second, all voting aye. m/c/a

Ray Iverson discussed that he is aware of issues with the food bank and the need to restructure the waiting process for services. Amy Hauf and the auditor expressed the concern of the noise level and the crowding of the lobby. R. Iverson will work to remedy the use of the lobby and reduce noise. Iverson discussed that he has raised \$1000 for the re-siding for the Senior Center, and he enquired about the senior center borrowing tables for their Coalition's Fall Event, and council agreed.

The second reading of the "Junk Ordinance commenced; N. Schneider moved to approve. S. Adams second. Voting all aye. m/c/a.

Visitor Jason Lee enquired about the city's interest in the development of the fishing pond. He explained that the pond would be stocked with trout every year, and the development of the pond costs will be provided with the grant the city was awarded with this summer as well as restocking being provided yearly by the state of North Dakota. He will be updating the city with more information over the next few months with the upcoming plans.

Ward Heidbreder presented the city with programs that ND Rural Water association can provide to the city free of charge; water monitoring, a Comprehensive Meter Audit, and the required Lead Inventory mandated by the EPA to be completed in every city in 2024.

N. Amick, the city engineer, recommended the services offered by North Dakota Rural Water Association. Council agreed. SCADA water reports reviewed. It was stated that N. Amick had not received the Jetting and Televising Report yet, and advised the city to wait on paying the final bill until the report has been fully reviewed and the city is satisfied with the findings.

Maintenance discussed the need for new skid steer tires, it was decided to wait another month before purchasing. S. Adams motioned to accept Dakota Paving's bid for \$2,500 for patching the pavement in front of City Hall. Summer seasonal needs are no longer needed, so second maintenance help will be discontinued until next summer. Opening the landfill for a fall clean-up, free use day was discussed. S. Adams motioned to open the City Landfill for City of Max Resident's use on 10/22/2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. C. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a

Court report reviewed. Traffic ordinances tabled until research has been completed.

N. Schneider motioned to approve Lottery Permit for Max Pax 4-club. C. Swanson second. Voting all aye. m/c/a

Lots for sale-S. Adams motioned to put lots 3, 4, 5, 6, block 9, of original townsite up for bid, until November 4, 2022. S. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

The upcoming 2022 paid holidays for employees are on weekends. Council reaffirmed that employees can take the Friday of those weekends off.

It was discussed about the possibility of increasing sales tax a half percent and could generate needed revenue for the city. Also, it was mentioned that annexing more area into the Max city limits could be a possible way to increase tax revenue. These options and more will be researched in the upcoming weeks.

S. Fritel motioned to accept September 2022 Financial Reports. C. Swanson second. Voting all aye. m/c/a

Bills to be paid in October, 2022

<b>ENTITY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Aramark	Rugs and Supplies, Inv #'s 2550062835, 2550056932	257.36
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service	4,258.10
Craig's Carpet & Vinyl	Foyer Tile Flooring	2,828.00
Don Krebsbach	Reimbursement for Hand Truck Tire	42.99
EFTPS	Payroll Liabilities	1,953.24
Ferguson	Water Meters, Inv #'s 0434503 & 2550056932	3,337.88
First District Health	Water Testing	25.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	678.41
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Law Enforcement	3,533.51
MDU	City Natural Gas Utility	37.03
NorDak North Publications	Publishing	119.90
NPRW	Purchased Water	5,643.00
Ottertail Power Company	City Electric Utility	1,204.07
Reservation Telephone Company	Phone and Internet Utilities	421.05
The Computer Store	Printer Service Call, Cable Replacement, Black ink	285.98
Tru Community Bank	Banks Statements	50.00
US Bank	Interest pmt. Street Improvement Bond	2,315.00
US Postal Service	2 Rolls of postage stamps	120.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,110.52</b>
Pipe Detectives	Jetting & Televising-American Rescue Plan Act Funds	<b>\$30,436.20</b>

S. Adams motioned to pay October, 2022 bills except for the Jetting & Televising until the project report has been fully reviewed. C Swanson second. Voting all aye. m/c/a

S. Swanson motioned to transfer the interest payment for the Street Improvement Revolving Refund loan from the general checking to the Street Improvement account. S. Adams second. Voting all aye. m/c/a

N. Schneider motioned to send in the 2022 special assessments for city mowing. C. Swanson second voting all aye. m/c/a

Council directed the auditor to send delinquent water account letters.

S. Adams motion for meeting to adjourn. C. Swanson second. Voting all aye. m/c/a

Meeting adjourned. Next council meeting to held on November 7, 2022 @ 7:00 pm.