Max City Council Meeting was held on October 05, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Gullickson; and Council Members Fritel, Westman, Weltikol, and Sayler were present. Visitors in attendance Julie McElwain, Obert Kinn, Eydie Hauf, Gertrude Scheresky, Karen and Don Polsfut, Rita Semchenko, Cindy Thompson, Ray Iverson, and Kelli Adams.

Meeting called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Weltikol moved to approve and dispense with reading minutes from September. Fritel second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

A building permit was presented for installing a new drive way at lot 1-2, of block 11. Fritel motioned to approve. Westman second. Votes, all aye. m/c/a.

Court report was presented. Fines collected for the month of September are $30. Year to date total is $935.

Nathan Amick of Ackerman-Estvold presented his research on the lagoon process presented by TEAMLAB at the September meeting, questions arose about sludge depth. More information needs obtained. Tabled.

The City of Max is now in compliance with DEQ Water Operator Certification; Smith completed the testing requirement.

Discussion was held on the fishing pier grant. The city will wait until the next grant opportunity from the Fish and Game Department.

Julie McElwain discussed a roof leak that is quite extreme at the museum, and the refacing project that was discussed in 2024. The auditor will arrange for contractors to come examine the roof, and contact the insurance company to enquire about the process, if the roof damage is due to hail. The museum has money for the refacing project but will need assistance from the city. Tabled until more information is obtained.

Obert Kinn brought to the attention that he is received warnings about his trucks and trailer parking. He stated that there are many trailers in town that are not adhering to ordinance rules, and he shouldn't be singled out. Mayor Gullickson agreed, and ensured that the Law Enforcement Representative, will continue in communication with McLean County.

Garbage Service price analysis was presented. The new Circle Sanitation Contract has a significant price increase in the dumpster service they provide, to establishments within the city. Darryl Saylor moved to adopt a Resolution to increase the dumpster prices billed from the city by $5 over the new Circle Sanitation prices starting in November, 2026. Weltikol second. Roll call vote unanimous in favor. m/c/a.

Hall cleaning fees were discussed. The auditor will provide cleaning lists at the next meeting. Tabled.

Council held discussion on options to either reimburse Krebsbach for his cameras or purchasing new ones. Council consensus is to purchase updated cameras from RTC. Weltikol motioned to approve. Westman second. Vote, all aye. The city is waiting to hear back from the city attorney on posed questions about camera use. Council consensus is to move court from the senior center to city hall, using a temporary set up. Westman motioned to approve. Fritel second. Sayler motioned to use a locked closet in the hall to store court records. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/ca/.

Discussion was held about residents not in compliance with the Junk Ordinance letters sent out. The auditor will consult with the city attorney on how to proceed. Tabled.

Iverson informed council that Christmas items that he had at the senior center are missing and he would like them back.

Public Comments: Residents expressed their concerns about the cameras at the senior center, junk cars in people's yards, and parking issues.

Bills and Financial reports, including the Quarter 3 Budget Checks were presented. Westman motioned to pay the bills. Weltikol second. Votes all aye. m/c/a.

Bills to Pay-OCT 2026

ENTITY	Description	AMOUNT
Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND	Medical Insurance (Employer Portion)	1,000.00
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,572.97
Coal Conversion Counties	Annual Membership Dues	132.00
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) SEP 2026	672.23
Emily Beery	Refund of Water Retainer fees, remainder after final bill	74.22
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	481.29
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Law enforcement Contract	2,794.01
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	148.58
Menards	Shop Supplies	44.06
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage	2.14
Municipal Judge	Monthly Pay	178.00
NorDak North Publications	Publications	155.88
NPRWD	Purchased Water	4,521.85
Ottertail Power	Electric Utilities	1,148.46
QuickBooks	Online Subscription SEP 2026	214.00
RTC	Phone and Internet Service (estimated, waiting for bill)	412.00
S & J Hardware	Landfill Keys	6.00
Straight Talk	Maintenance phone	48.25

US Postal Service	1 roll of post card stamps	65.00
Totals		**16,700.94**

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

Fritel motioned for meeting to adjourn. Sayler second. Vote all ayes. m/c/a.

Meeting adjourned

Next Council meeting will be held on November 02, 2026

Jody Gullickson, Mayor Anita Porter, Auditor