

Max City Council met Monday, November 04, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Mayor Zabka and council members; Swanson, Adams, and Westman were present. Fritel absent. Visitors in attendance were Kathy Huettl, Kristen Weltikol, Timothy Capp, Nancy Gullickson, Joann and Julie McElwain.

Mayor Zabka called the meeting to order.

Swanson moved to approve and dispense with reading minutes from October 09, Adams second, vote all aye. m/c/a.

Council heard from Timothy Capp regarding dogs in his neighborhood running loose. He stated that there is two, and they are aggressive towards his wife and daughter. Also, towards people who walk in the neighborhood, and he is worried about children. He stated that he has called the Sheriffs Dept, on more than one occasion, but the dogs are hard to catch in action. Council directed the auditor to send a letter to the resident who owns the dogs, reminding them of the ordinances the city has in place about animal control and responsibility.

Kathy Huettl discussed a moving permit that was submitted last month, and some easement questions regarding a garage placement at Lots 1, 2 of Block 11. Zabka will do some measurements.

Engineering:

Maintenance explained that 2 curb stops need replaced instead of one, the second was just discovered today. A bid from Wild Prairie Solutions was received for one curb stop for \$2,335. Due to winter approaching and having a small window of time, Adams motioned to approve the bid, and arrange for wild prairie to replace the other, contingent on a price of \$5,000 for both. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Maintenance requested a new Bob Cat Sweeper, and Maintenance Supplies. Swanson motioned to approve. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Discussed were city shop items to be sold. Council requested a list of items, and pictures to determine prices. Council instructed maintenance to repair the senior center porch rails with supplies recently purchased, but wait until spring for the carpet because adhesive won't adhere properly.

Nathan Amick of Ackerman-Estvold informed council that a Recirculating Pump needed replaced for the Water Tower.

A request for free hall use, for the Community Club's Tree Lighting event on December 1st was presented. Westman motioned to approve. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

A request for free hall use, for the Community Club's Santa Days event on December 8th was presented. Adams motioned to approve. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Also, discussed was the possibility of the club putting together a real reindeer exhibit. Nancy Gullickson requested that in case of severe cold, that the shop might be used instead of outdoors for the Reindeer. Council consensus is to have further discussion at the next meeting when more details can be obtained.

The auditor requested for the purchase of the newly updated Model Ordinances from North Dakota League of Cities. Swanson motioned to approve the purchase. Adams second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Bills to pay in November were presented. Westman motioned to approve and pay the bills. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

| BILLS TO PAY- NOVEMBER 2024 | | |
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| ENTITY | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
| Acme Tools | Poll Saw, Transfer pump, Batteries | 1,157.51 |
| Circle Sanitation | Garbage Service Contract | 4,335.50 |
| Dakota Paving | Street Asphalt Repairs (Prairie Dog Funds) | 44,612.00 |
| Doug Zabka | Record Storage Lock | 10.74 |
| EFTPS | Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) OCT 2024 | 721.54 |
| First District Health | Water Testing | 30.00 |
| Max Farm Services | Fuel Costs | 579.24 |
| McLean County Sherriff's Dept. | Police Protection | 2,685.52 |
| MDU | Natural Gas Utilities | 85.29 |
| Menards | Water Heater, Porch Repair, and Supplies | 1,577.59 |
| Microsoft Office | Cloud Storage | 2.14 |
| Municipal Judge | Monthly Pay | 178.00 |
| NorDak North Publications | Publishing- estimated | 150.00 |
| NPRWD | Purchased Water | 4,739.75 |
| One Call | Utility Locates | 4.50 |
| Ottertail Power Company | Electric Utilities | 1,071.98 |
| QuickBooks | October Subscription -25.00 is for accounting service | 162.50 |
| Rolling Hills Lumber | Maintenance repairs supplies | 79.91 |
| RTC | October Phone Bil | 410.00 |
| State of ND Chemistry Lab | Lead Testing | 218.45 |
| US Postal Service | 1 ROLL Post stamps | 56.00 |
| Totals | | 62,868.16 |

Financial reports were presented to council. Westman motioned to approve. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Discussed were delinquent accounts. The auditor was directed to send pink slips and/or shut off notices as needed.

Black ink was requested for the new printer. Adams motioned to approve the purchase. Westman second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

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

Next council meeting will be held on December 02, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Aaron Zabka, Mayor

Anita Porter, Auditor