

The Max City Council met Monday, December 4, 2017, at 7pm. Mayor Joel Hauf and all council members (Nathan Schneider, Heather Bostow, Randy Swanson, Jon Hauf) were present; None were absent. Visitors in attendance: Nathan Amick of Ackerman Estvold; Richard Gullickson; Kathy Huettle, Southside Lounge; Keith Wenger, City Maintenance; Ray Iverson, Food Pantry.

Meeting called to order.

Jon Hauf moved to approve and dispense with reading minutes from the previous meeting; Swanson second, all voting aye, MC.

Raymond Iverson informed the council about the sewage backup into his sister's house and that Affinity had come to clean it out and would be billing the city for that. Also it was discussed about Dirk Christenson having a payment to him as well for his sewer backup as well. Randy motioned to approve these payments Schneider 2nd, all aye MC.

Iverson also discussed pricing bids for flooring at the Max Senior Center and requested some gaming funds. It was also discussed about the future transfer of the Senior Center to the City of Max.

Huettl asked the council to grant a 1 time request for ordinance 90-2 section 9. They want the bar to stay open for New Year's Eve which is on a Sunday this year till 2am. Schneider motioned to approve this one time request to stay open as requested and for auditor to notify the bars and the law enforcement, Jon Hauf 2nd, all aye MC.

Council heard the first reading of the ordinance 90-2 amendment as follows:

Ordinance 90-2 Section IX – Disposal prohibited on certain days-Penalty and amendment to Section IX, dated July 16, 2012, is hereby amended and replaced as follows:

Except as permitted by NDCC section 5-02-05.1, a person may not dispense or permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on a licensed premises and all patrons are not allowed to occupy the premises between the hours of two am and eight am on Saturdays, between the hours of two am and twelve noon on Sundays, between the hours of one am and eight am on all other days of the week, or on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or after six pm on Christmas Eve. A person that violates this section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

(The penalty is found in Section XVIII – Penalty) Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment for not to exceed 30 days of both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Swanson motioned the amendment of Ordinance 90-2 as read, Jon Hauf 2nd, all aye MC.

Huettl discussed her high water bill usage and a new meter will be put in the Max Café per Council consensus.

Amick discussed with the council that the USDA grant does not cover a fill house project at this time but some checking with State Water Commission will be done. Nothing from the P&Z committee.

Council heard regarding maintenance: Schneider motioned the trade in and purchase of a new 2018 Bobcat, Jon Hauf 2nd, all aye MC. Main Elec quote about removing the blinking light was tabled and a quote will be gotten from Otter Tail. Also discussed was the sewer lines and possibly clean and camera service to look at them. The Fridge in the kitchen stopped working and a temporary has been put in place. Auditor brought up possibly going paperless packets but no movement on that. No answer from Superior Stucco. Packet will be sent out about certifications. Christmas Decorations were started.

Council reviewed the water delinquency report and the court report.

Council Concerns: There was discussion about routine sewer flushing.

The next regular council meeting will be held on Monday January 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Bostow moved to adjourn meeting, Jon Hauf second, meeting adjourned.

Joel Hauf, Mayor

Katherine Klemetsrud, Auditor