

The Max City Council met Monday, April 4, 2016, at 7pm. Mayor Joel Hauf and Council members Chad Talbott, Randy Swanson, and Jon Hauf were present and Dick Gray was absent. Visitors in attendance Steve Eberle and Nathan Amick of Ackerman Estvold; Keith Wenger, City Maintenance; Nathan Schneider; Kathy Huettl, Gary Schell, Gary St. Louis, Richard Gullickson, Jody Gullickson, Don Krebsbach, Alyssa Adam

Meeting called to order.

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

Huettl of P&Z gave the council 1 demo permit application. They recommend demo permit 2016-4 for David and Judy Songstad on the East half of Lots 1-9 Block 28, OT be approved pending an additional form. Schneider of Quality Dirtworks informed the council that the asbestos inspection came back negative. Swanson motioned to approve the building/demo permit pending form, Jon Hauf second all aye MC. They also received a map from a previous demolition permit from Ed Rau. Huettl on behalf of the P&Z committee asked the council if they were going to pursue annexation of the lumber yard. This decision was tabled. P&Z will now be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm.

Parking Ordinance Committee is still working out the details of the new ordinance. Abatements are being looked at but no action at this time. Council heard information regarding the website contract from Klemetsrud with recommendation of office.gov but decision was not made pending some information requested; website decision was tabled. Council discussed new garbage services with Circle Sanitation to begin in May. April 30<sup>th</sup> they will deliver 1 tote to all households and if the resident would like a 2<sup>nd</sup> one they need to contact the Auditor's office. Letter will be written and mailed to all residents and property owners. Klemetsrud noted we received \$500 from GAIA for banners for the light poles.

Council heard from Klemetsrud about the request for Black Mountain Accounting Software. Randy motion we purchase this additional module that goes along with our utility billing that is for accounting; Jon Hauf second, all aye, MC.

Eberle informed the council about a possible grant for Rail Road Safety that would potentially grant 80-90% for a rail crossing near the elevator. A meeting will be set up with all agency/parties to discuss. Council discussed a City Clean up days where the landfill will be open to Max residents on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup> for free with the city having the right to reject items. NDRWSA will be coming this month to complete an asset management plan at no cost to the city. Gullickson asked the council to be a pass through for some funding for the fountain to be purchased and placed on Elbow Lake. Council Consensus. Also discussed was the property on the NW edge of Elbow Lake as a possible picnic area or sitting area.

Correspondence: An email from a resident was received with the ordinance of Burlington and it was requested we possibly look at our own ordinance. Council tabled. Bill from Main Electric was discussed and more information was requested before payment made. Council was given a few handouts on upcoming training.

Council held discussion regarding maintenance items; Wenger's annual review, Talbott motioned we give him a \$0.75 raise, Jon Hauf second, all Aye MC. A few more street signs are needed to be ordered as well as some hardware and no trespassing signs. Street Paving Quotes were received but they did not include aggregate or fabric, new quotes will be requested. There is approximately 12,500 Sq ft of work to be completed. Landfill is about full and bids will be requested. Landfill prices will not change at this time. Wenger requested a new gutter brush be purchased Swanson motioned to approve the purchase of a new gutter brush, Talbott 2<sup>nd</sup> all aye, MC. Meter replacements are being looked at for a few places. Council requested we cancel the service with Earth Recycling.

Council reviewed financial report, Swanson motioned to approve, Jon Hauf second, all aye, MC. Also reviewed was delinquent water accounts; and court report.

Open Discussion: Tree on N. Side of Elbow Lake be cut down. Discussion on abandoning an old well; Tree by Polsfut shop was discussed to be removed. Huettl reminded graduates to register for all school reunion. Huettl also inquired about ally width. It is the owners responsibility to hire appropriate party to have property lines located. Huettl also asked about cameras on Main Street because of the new DRAM law.

The next regular council meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Talbott moved to adjourn meeting, Swanson second, meeting adjourned.

Joel Hauf, Mayor

Katherine Klemetsrud, Auditor