

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Max City Council met Monday January 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Mayor A. Zabka and Council Members N. Schneider, C. Swanson, and S. Fritel were present. S. Adams, absent. Visitors attending were Susan Halverson, Ray Iverson, Nancy Gullickson, Jody Gullickson, and Michelle Lies-Peterson.

Mayor A. Zabka called the meeting to order.

N. Schneider moved to approve and dispense with reading of minutes from December, 2022. C. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a

S. Halverson discussed with council concerns that the Over 55 Club has regarding the continuance of previous agreements made with the city. Discussed was their understanding that changes are necessary, but miscommunication has become a problem. The Over 55 Club would like to have a member or members of council sit down with them and discuss the future direction of the Club and establish a new agreement. They invited council to come and visit on meeting days and other events. Mayor agreed to meet with the club on January 26th.

Ray Iverson updated the city that the museum visitor numbers were lower this year during the Christmas season due to the weather, and the food pantry is operating well. Also, council discussed the possibility of some changes regarding procedures for the museum. There will be further discussion in the near future.

The Ackerman-Estvold report was presented. They are working to finish the map, noting problem areas of the sewer system. They are also working to get cost estimates per linear foot, for different options of repair and to get a sense of funding options available for the city. Also, it is suggested that someone from Sweeney may need to go through the control panel that was installed around 2011 because SCADA is having an issue reading accurate information.

Maintenance reported that sand for the streets was delivered and the skid steer leak was fixed. New skid steer is still on hold until at least spring.

An email from the State Tax Commissioner's office stating that the new Sales Tax Ordinance No. 301 meets all requirements, and they will send official notice regarding this change 60 days prior to the start of the quarter.

A Local Permit for a Sports Pool to be held on February 12th, during the quarter of the Super Bowl game, was submitted on behalf of the Max Public School. N. Schneider moved to approve local permit #2023-1. S. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a

Council discussed concerns that the city may need a new service truck. Council will look at prices and review finances over the next year before making that decision, unless it becomes an immediate need.

End of Year Financial Reports for 2022, and the monthly bills to pay were presented and reviewed. N. Schneider moved to approve financial reports. C. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. S. Fritel moved to approve and pay monthly bills. C. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a

ENTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Aramark	Rugs and Supplies IN #2550094128, 2550100261, 2550107483	413.23
Butler Equipment	Grease for the loader and skid steer	81.09
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service	4,194.00
D & L Auto	Plow Truck Repair	758.95
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities	2,719.10
First District Health	Water Testing, In #234257	25.00
Garrison Insurance	Max Rodeo Grounds Consession BLDG. Add on	7.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	1,579.45
McLean County Auditor's Office	2023 City Property taxes	1,482.69
McLean County Sherrif's Dept.	Law Enforcement	2,685.52
MDU	City Natural Gas Utility	1,055.20
Microsoft Office Cloud	Monthly fee-Automatic PMT from Debit Card	1.99
Municipal Judge	December Judges Pay	178.00
NorDak North Publications	Publishing	366.64
NPRW	Purchased Water	3,759.00
Ottertail Power Company	City Electric Utility	1,512.74
Reservation Telephone Company	Phone and Internet Utilities	403.32
Schocks Safe & Lock, Inc.	Keys	52.00
Steins	Supplies	43.93
Swanston Equipment	Skidsteer repairs	576.78
Sweeney Controls	SCADA	540.00
The Computer Store	Black and Color Ink	464.99
US Postal Service	Postage- 2 rolls of stamps	120.00
	Total	\$23,020.62
Ackerman-Estvold	Scoping & Televising-American Rescue Plan Funds	4,000.00

Council directed Auditor to send delinquent account letters

N. Schneider moved for meeting to adjourn. S. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Meeting adjourned.

Next council meeting will be February 06, 2023.

Aaron Zabka

Anita Porter