

The Max City Council met Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7 pm. Mayor Zabka and council members Swanson, Adams, Fritel, and Vert were present. Visitors in attendance were Ray Iverson, Catherine Turcotte, Jody Gullickson, and Nathan Amick of Ackerman-Estvold.

Meeting called to order.

Adams moved to approve and dispense with reading minutes from May. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Iverson informed council the museum is hosting a class reunion, and a family tour. Catherine Turcotte requested renewal of a fence permit issued last year. Fritel motioned to approve the renewal. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Jody Gullickson stated that bids were still needed for the service window for the auditor's office. Mayor Zabka got one quote for a window, but will inquire into another. Michelle Peterson-Lies discussed the high-water issue due to so much rain, on lots 3-6 of block 9. She explained that equipment is lined up to take the house down, and excavate, but they need more time and requested an extension. Council is in consensus that more time is needed. Adams motioned give an extension to the end of August. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Nathan Amick informed council he will be watching water levels in the tower over the next month, due to water levels lowering at a quicker pace. He stated it is most likely due to agriculture activity. He discussed that the next phase of the lead line survey will be samples.

Maintenance informed council that Crack Sealing is complete for this year, new water meters and pucks are being installed, and wiring moved to better locations on some residences. Supplies for the hall and vehicles were requested. Fritel motioned to approve the purchases. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Council directed maintenance to obtain another bid for curb stops.

Council discussed the Junk Ordinance issues, and directed the auditor to send letters. The road mapping is complete and council directed maintenance, to obtain bids for the most severe, and secondary problem areas. Also discussed, were the tires at the landfill and the porch at the senior center. Council directed Krebsbach to get bids for the tire disposal, Vert and Zabka will look into bids for the senior center porch. Also, discussed was parcel 7630010025600. Council requested for the auditor to contact people to move their property from the lot, so that Maintenance can mow and move debris to the landfill.

Adams moved to approve purchasing the City Liability and Museum Content Insurance, Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. The ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service Co. contract was presented. Swanson motioned to approve and sign the contract. Fritel second. Vota all aye. m/c/a. Council discussed the Law Enforcement contract, and agree that a counter offer needs to be presented to McLean County. Tabled.

The Max Library made the recommendation to appoint Susan Moreno to a 3-year term on the Library Boad. Swanson motioned to approve. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/ca. Swanson motioned to approve the Red Light, and Southside Lounge's Liquor License Renewals for the term of July 1st through December 31st, 2024. Vert second. Vote all aye. m/ca.

Bills to pay in May were presented. Adams motioned to pay the bills. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

BILLS TO PAY-May 2024		
ENTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Beal Law Office	Attorney fees for phone calls, emails (Lemere)	785.00
Circle Sanitation	Garbage Service Contract	4,202.75
Donnie Krebsbach	Propane Reimbursement	22.56
EFTPS	Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) May 2024	592.57
First District Health	Water Testing	30.00
Garrison Insurance	City Liability, vehicle, Museum Content	3,354.00
Max Farm Services	Fuel Costs	547.25
McElwain Construction Inc	Purchased Gravel	575.00
McLean County Sherriff's Dept.	Police Protection	2,685.52
MDU	Natural Gas Utilities	220.65
Microsoft Office	Cloud Storage-paid online	1.99
Municipal Judge	June 2024 Judges Pay	178.00
NorDak North Publications	Publishing- estimated, waiting for the bill \$200	218.48
ND Environmental Quality	Water Certification-Operator Test	51.00
North Dakota Rural Water Systems	Yearly dues	360.00
NPRWD	Purchased Water	4,427.10
Office Max	Cash Receipt book and planner-Purchased in May	33.63
One Call	Utility Locates	9.85
Ottertail Power Company	Electric Utilities	1,270.57
QuickBooks	June Subscription	127.50
Reservation Telephone Company	Phone and Internet- phone line & internet rewire & regular bill	406.73
Rough Rider Industries	Monitor Arms, and Keyboard Tray (ERG Grant)	1,123.00
Swanston Equipment	Crack Sealing	1,300.00
US Postal Service	1 Roll Post Card Stamps-1 Roll Regular Stamps	126.00
Zenz Auto	Power Steering pump replacement	616.20
Council Pay	Jan-Jun 2024	2,980.00
Total with items paid in May		26,245.35

Financial reports were presented and reviewed. Vert motioned to accept the financial reports. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

The auditor discussed delinquent accounts. Council instructed to send pink slips and shut off notices as needed.

Adams motioned for meeting to adjourn. Swanson second. Vote all aye. m/c/a.

Next Regular Council & Reorganization Meeting will be held on July 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Aaron Zabka

Anita Porter