Max City November Meeting Minutes

The City of Max Council meeting was held on November 02, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Mayor Gullickson, and Council Members; Fritel, Westman, Weltikol were present. Saylor listened in by phone. Visitors in attendance were Nancy Gullickson, Julie McElwain, Rita Semchenko, and Cindy Thompson.

Mayor Gullickson called meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Fritel moved to approve and dispense with reading minutes from the October meeting. Westman second. Vote, all ayes.

Nancy Gullickson requested on behalf of the Max Community Club for the city to provide a Christmas tree for the Annual Tree Lighting Event. Discussed was the option to use an artificial tree this year, and look into planting a real tree next year. Rita Semchenko offered to donate an artificial tree for the event.

Court report presented.

Nathan Amick of Ackerman Estvold informed that the State of North Dakota announced SRF funds that are becoming available for Water Infrastructure projects.

The Landfill Inspection report was presented, the city is in compliance. Maintenance requested to purchase salt & sand in preparation for winter street maintenance. Westman motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote all aye. m/c/a. Discussion was held on TEAMLAB'S plan for the lagoon. Tabled until spring. Maintenance informed council that the city pick-up's transmission needs to be replaced. Discussed was the possibility of purchasing a service truck to replace it. Council consensus is to get quotes for a replacing the transmission, and pricing on a newer vehicle. Tabled until next meeting.

Updates on the refacing of the museum were discussed. Julie McElwain informed that Revertical Inc. inspected the ply wood under the metal. It was determined that the ply wood is deteriorating underneath. It is recommended that the metal be removed because it is unstable. The board also requested to order a new sign for the museum. The cost is $450. Weltikol motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote, all ayes. m/c/a. It was suggested that the museum roof issue could be the stove pipe hood. Fritel will inspect. Weltikol motioned to purchase a new hood if is required. Westman second. Vote, all ayes. The auditor will continue to look for contractors to inspect the roof for damage.

Discussion was held on the city attorney's clarification on the Junk Ordinance. Fritel motioned to approve for the attorney to handle necessary communication regarding ordinance enforcement. Weltikol second. Vote all ayes. m/c/a.

Discussion was held on hall rental pricing and cleaning lists. Council consensus is to continue with the current price, and to ensure a cleaning list is provided.

Fritel motioned to approve free hall use by the Community Club for the Tree lighting event on November 29th and for Santa Days scheduled for December 6th. Weltikol second. Vote, all ayes. m/c/a.

Special Assessments for city mowing services were presented to submit to the county. Westman motioned to approve. Fritel second. Vote, all ayes. m/c/a.

The auditor will be out of the office from the 23rd through the 27th of November.

Bills to pay in November, and financial reports for October were presented. Weltikol motioned to approve. Westman second. Vote, all ayes. m/c/a.

Bills to Pay-NOV 2026

ENTITY Description AMOUNT

Beall Law Office Telephone calls, emails, research for ordinance and Court Issues 805.00

Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND Medical Insurance (Employer Portion) 1,000.00

Bobcat of Mandan Brushes for skid steer 1,044.44

CapFirst Equipment Finance, Inc 2026 Loader Payment 14,374.06

Circle Sanitation Garbage Service Contract 4,417.75

Craig Smith Reimburse for 2 Trips to Bismarck for lead tests 163.84

D & L Auto Headlight 16.39

EFTPS Payroll 941 Liabilities-Paid online (Employer Portion) 606.33

First District Health Water Testing 30.00

Keegan Swanson Tire and Wir Repair on Lawn mover 50.00

Max Farm Services Fuel Costs 988.07

McLean County Sherriff's Dept. Law enforcement Contract 2,794.01

MDU Natural Gas Utilities 91.35

Menards Maint items, tarps, marking flags, batteries, valves 216.24

Microsoft Office Cloud Storage 2.14

Municipal Judge Monthly Pay 178.00

NorDak North Publications Publications (estimated, waiting on invoice) 140.00

NPRWD Purchased Water 5,087.00

One Call Concepts Utility Locates 10.50

Ottertail Power Electric Utilities 1,036.30

QuickBooks Online Subscription 88.30

RTC Phone and Internet Service (estimated, waiting for bill) 412.00

State Chemistry Lab Water Testing -Lead 183.55

Straight Talk Maintenance phone 48.25

US Postal Service 2 Rolls Reg. and 2 Rolls Post Card 294.00

Total 33,272.52

Weltikol motioned to approve the purchase of office supplies. Fritel second. Vote, all ayes. m/c/a.

Delinquent City Utility Bills were discussed. Council directed the auditor to send pink slips/shut off notices as needed.

Westman motioned for meeting to adjourn. Weltikol second. Vote, all ayes. m/c/a.

Next council meeting to be held on December 07,2026, at 7:00 pm.

Jody Gullickson, Mayor Anita Porter, Auditor

(Nov. 19, 2026)