



Mandan e-Messenger

Latest News

Proposed budget maintains current City levy

The Mandan City Commission preliminarily approved a 2021 budget proposal during the Aug. 4 meeting. The proposed budget would keep the city levy at 63 mills.

The average property valuation increase was nearly 3.4% for the typical house in Mandan in 2020. This slight increase, coupled with the mill levy, equates to \$27 for the year, excluding any special assessments on the property.



Mandan residents will also see a \$3 monthly increase for utility base charges, totaling \$36 for the year. A portion of that increase, \$1.95 per month, is for the city's contribution towards a new raw water intake. The intake project will be cost-shared with the State Water Commission and Marathon Mandan Refinery. There is a \$0.05 contractual increase with Armstrong Sanitation for residential garbage collection

services. If the City Commission approves the recycling contract extension, the monthly fee will increase by \$1 for 2021. If the recycling contract is not renewed, the fee for household garbage collection and hauling will need to increase due to additional tons being hauled for disposal at the City of Bismarck landfill.

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Extension of recycling service being considered as part of 2021 budget conversations



With the City's single sort recycling contract set to expire at the end of the year, renewal discussions are underway and thoughts are mixed among Commissioners.

The City's original recycling contract was for five years with Dakota Sanitation with the opportunity for an extension. Waste Management purchased Dakota Sanitation in 2017 and became the contractor for pick-up and disposal of recyclable materials.

During the July 7 City Commission meeting, staff provided Commissioners with four options to consider:

1. Extend terms of the contract with Waste Management for an additional five years;
2. Table the discussion until the City is farther into 2021 budget preparation;
3. Rebid the service; or
4. Terminate the contract.

If the contract is renewed, it will come with a monthly increase of \$1 for 2021, raising the cost of recycling to \$5.95 a month. After 2021, the recycling cost to residents will increase by 7% each year over the 5-year contract. By the end of 2025 the recycling service charge to Mandan residents would be comparable to the rate charged to the City of Bismarck.

If the City were to terminate the contract and residents took on a subscription service for recycling, the cost would be substantially more. The City could bring back common recycling sites, however, they generally become a dumping ground with loads at a high risk for recycling contamination.

"Recycling is one of the least expensive ways to reduce greenhouse gases," said Waste Management representative Paul Kalibabky. "It's the right thing to do and sometimes the right thing costs more."

Mayor Helbling believes citizens who don't want recycling shouldn't have to pay for the service, and that the City needs to look at the budget and weigh continuing the service against other pertinent costly projects that may require a monthly utility fee.

Currently, all residents receive a monthly charge of \$4.95 for the single sort recycling service, whether they use it or not. Recycling is collected curbside every two weeks.

Alley pickup is not available.

Consensus during the meeting was to table the contract renewal discussion to see how the 2021 budget unfolds. The Commissioners expressed interest in hearing from residents on the recycling service. Contact information for all City Commissioners is available at cityofmandan.com/citycommission.

Learn more about the City's recycling program at cityofmandan.com/recycle.

Get ready for more Gift Card Blitzes

The Mandan City Commission on July 7 approved a Mandan Growth Fund Committee recommendation and Mandan Progress Organization (MPO) proposal for a second and third round of business gift card sales. A total of 400

cards will be sold each round in four different online flash sales during August and again later this fall.

The second round of Blitz dates are Aug. 10, 13, 17 and 20. Sales open at noon each day and end at sell-out. The sales website is MandanGiftCards.square.site.

Gift cards are priced at \$20 but valued at \$30. Farmers Union Insurance stepped forward to sponsor \$5 per card and the City of Mandan is providing \$5 per card from the Growth Fund so participating businesses come out whole.

The MPO is coordinating the promotion. Stay tuned to the [MPO website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for details or call the office at 701-751-2983.

Officer & new K-9 finish training

Congratulations to Mandan Police Officer Makayla Westgard and K-9 Medve (pronounced Med-vee, meaning "bear") on their recent graduation from Shallow Creek Kennels K-9 training.

K-9 Medve is a German Shepherd and is trained in tracking, apprehension, evidence searching, building searching and narcotics detection.

The City of Mandan is excited to welcome the second K-9 unit to its Police Department.

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Parade-N-Park replaces Buggies-N-Blues, Aug. 15



From Mandan Progress Organization "The Progressive" e-newsletter Aug. 4, 2020

Car enthusiasts and curious spectators are encouraged to line the streets to take in a classic and specialty car parade on Saturday, Aug. 15.

A car parade will depart from the Mandan Brave Center, 901 Division St. NW, at 11 a.m. and travel south down 6th Ave NW to Main Street where it will travel eastbound to Burger King, 1400 E Main St.

After the parade, the cars will be on display at a handful of parking lots downtown. Participating lots include:

- American Bank Center, 101 E Main St.
- Hirsch Florist, 211 W Main St.
- M&H Gas Station, 322 E Main St.
- Hardee's, 500 E Main St.
- Fun Fit/Leingang Chiropractic, South Parking Lot, 301 1st St NE

Owners of classic, collectible and specialty cars are invited to participate in the parade. Registration is not required; simply show up at the Brave Center at 10:30 a.m., Aug. 15 for staging and a parking lot assignment. The MPO asks drivers to display their cars in their assigned lot through 2 p.m.

Be counted in the 2020 census

As of the beginning of August, the self-response rate reported for Mandan is 70.2%. The state as a whole has

a 62.4% self-response rate.

Census takers started visiting residencies in North Dakota on July 30.

The final day to respond to the Census is Sept. 30. If the state misses just 10% of the 150,000 remaining North Dakota households who have not responded, we risk missing out on \$725 million in funding for education, healthcare and families in need.

HOW TO IDENTIFY A CENSUS TAKER



TIME OF DAY
Census takers will visit between 9 AM - 9 PM LOCAL TIME

ID BADGE
Ask for official Census Bureau identification

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION
An "Official Business" notice will be placed on the vehicle

WEAR A MASK
Census takers are required to wear a mask and maintain 6ft social distancing

SMART DEVICE
Census takers will carry an iPhone to record information

Fill out your form online or by phone!
www.my2020census.gov | 844-330-2020

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If you want to decrease the chance of an enumerator coming to your door, complete the Census for your household at my2020census.gov. It only takes about 5 minutes to respond and earns our community over \$19,100 in federal funds that we will use for a decade.

Public input sought on potential downtown mural



Image 3. Proposed Mural Site (facing north)



Image 4. Proposed Mural Site (aerial)

The City of Mandan Planning Department is asking for community input on four themes that were the predominant selections from the first survey conducted earlier this summer on a proposed painting of an approx. 900 sq. ft. mural on the alley side of 107

½ 1st Ave NW. This survey is the second of two surveys to identify a theme for the design of a possible mural. Two options come from the predetermined themes and were the highest selected among the several provided. The remaining two options were culled from respondent-provided themes.

Complete the second round of the survey at surveymonkey.com/r/PFFYW5J

The City was not awarded a grant that it had applied for earlier this year and will continue to explore other grant or funding opportunities. The information collected from the surveys continues to be vital in order to move forward quickly if other funding opportunities are identified.



August Meetings

City Commission

Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board

Aug. 17 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board

Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission

Aug. 13 & 25 at 5:30 p.m.,
Morton County Courthouse

City Planning & Zoning

Aug. 24 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Please check with each entity to see about teleconference options for August meetings.

Community Events

Thru Aug. 16 Summer Concert Series

Tues. & Sat. Mandan Farmers Market

Aug. 7 & 8 Monster Trucks

Aug. 9 Fido's State Park Adventure

Aug. 10, 13, 17 & 20

Mandan Gift Card Blitz, Noon

Aug. 12 United Way Day of Caring

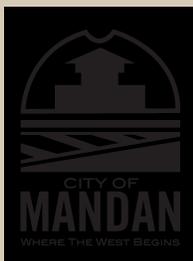
Aug. 15 Parade-N-Park

Aug. 15-16 High School Rodeos

Aug. 20 Back to School

Aug. 22 Carpool Cinema

Find more things to do at
mylocalevents.org



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