

CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY

NEWSLETTER

2023

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City Council meets at 7:00p.m. at the Minnesota City Hall, 149 Mill St. Below are the meeting dates for 2023.

January 3 February 7 March 7 April 4 May 2 **June 13** **July 11**
August 9 September 5 October 3 **November 14** **December 12**

CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor ~ Kelvin Penrod (507)458-8932

Council ~ Angie Bohnstengel (507)458-4232

Council ~ Emily Conners (507)429-1626

Council ~ Joe Pellowski (507)458-8246

Clerk / Treasurer ~ Tina Full

CITY CLERK

Tina Full is the current City Clerk / Treasurer of Minnesota City. Tina can be contacted by email mncity@hbc.com, phone (507)689-2480 or by mail P.O. Box 102 Minnesota City, MN 55959.

VOTING

Minnesota City is now a Mail Ballot precinct. The Resolution was adapted at the November 5, 2019 Council meeting. Resolution number 2019-02: Resolution to Change Minnesota City's Official Polling Place and to become a Mail in Ballot Precinct for any and all Local, State and Federal Elections being held in 2020 and beyond. Ballots can be returned via the prepaid postage mailing envelope included with each voter ballot. Ballots can also be returned in person to the office of the Winona County Auditor-Treasurer at 202 W. Third Street, Winona, MN. A voter not pre-registered may apply for an absentee ballot or vote in person at the Winona County Auditor-Treasurer's Office. Additional information can be obtained at the office of the Winona County Auditor-Treasurer, 202 W. Third Street, Winona, MN, 55987 or by calling 507-457-8830.

PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 9th AND GENERAL Election AUGUST 8th

The filing and withdraw period for the Winona County Commissioner District 3 race is now closed. We have 3 candidates so there will be a Primary Election May 9th and a General Election on August 8th.

Minnesota City is in Commissioner District 3

This County level election will be run similarly to State and federal elections. The county will be administering the Mail Ballot precincts as well as all Absentee Ballots.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

We are looking for an exciting season with six teams across all of the age groups. If there are any MN City residents that want to play, please email us at minnesotacitybaseball@gmail.com for more information.

MINNESOTA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

The Minnesota City Fire Department will be holding their annual Chicken Q on Saturday April 29th 2023. Tickets will be available starting in early April from any department member or by calling Chief Jay Bade at (507) 450-4437. Tickets are \$10 and the meal includes a half chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a Bloedow's Bakery dinner roll. Proceeds from this year's Chicken Q will help with training and operating costs.

MINNESOTA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minnesota City Fire Department is looking to add new members. If interested, please contact Chief Jay Bade at (507) 450-4437.

FIREWORKS

According to Minnesota Statute 624.20, it is still illegal to possess, offer for sale or use explosive and aerial fireworks intended for public display. Prohibited fireworks include firecrackers of any size, including lady fingers, black cats, M80s, and cherry bombs. Also prohibited are aerial devices such as bottle rockets, sky rockets, missiles, roman candles, aerial spinners, planes, parachutes, UFOs, chasers, mortars and aerial shells. These consumer fireworks cannot be used on public property nor are they allowed to be used within the city limits.

MINNESOTA CITY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION EVENTS

What's happening with area real estate? Who's selling, who's buying, and for how much? Winona County Recorder Bob Bambenek will address these and other questions in his presentation March 26, 2:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Church Hall, 132 Anderson Street in Minnesota City. He'll provide updates for the Minnesota City area and a look into the past. All are welcome!

The Minnesota City Historical Association and the Historic Church Foundation of Minnesota City will hold an Open House at the First Baptist Church building, 140 Mill Street, on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 10:00 a.m. On the way to pick up your chicken dinner stop by to view the church interior and the MCHA Archives. Items on display include historic photos, articles, and artifacts from the 171 year history of Minnesota City. The building is handicapped accessible.

All are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the MCHA held on the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the City Hall during colder months and at the First Baptist Church building during warm weather. Updates and posts can be found on the Facebook page--www.facebook.com/minnesotacityhistoryandfriends.

PERMIT AND FEE SCHEDULES

Building permits are required within the City for additions, remodeling, replacing siding and windows, sidewalks, or concrete work. Permits are currently not required for general maintenance items or re-shingling a roof. Building permits must be approved by the City Council at a regular meeting before you can begin the project. Applications for a building permit can be obtained from Mayor Kelvin Penrod or from the City Clerk at email mncity@hbc.com or by mail P.O. Box 102 Minnesota City, MN 55959. The current fees for a single home residential addition or garage are \$50 or for a smaller improvement or exterior changes such as siding or storage shed are \$20.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT BILLING CYCLE

All wastewater service connections into the municipal wastewater system should already be hooked up. Payments can be dropped off at the City Council meetings or mailed to the City of Minnesota City at 149 Mill St., P.O. Box 102, Minnesota City, MN 55959. Payments can be made monthly or multiple months can be paid at one time. Please include the payment stub with your name and address written on the stub. Any questions can be directed to the City Clerk or any of the council members listed above.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The care and maintenance of the wastewater collection system and treatment plant is the responsibility of all users. Misuse of the system will increase the monthly user fees by adding more maintenance costs. The collection system has very low daily flows to keep wastewater mains flushed out. It is up to all users to do their part in proper use of the pumps and the wastewater system. Misuse can be traced back to the source.

Things that can and will cause problems in the system are items that do not break down naturally. There are many items but here are a few major ones:

- Cloth rags
- Baby wipes
- Baby diapers
- Cooking grease and oils
- Feminine hygiene products
- Paper towels
- Paint
- Condoms
- Any plastic
- Needles and Prescription Drugs

We have been having issues of homeowners flushing feminine items and flushable wipes down the drains. Our system cannot handle these items. Please do not flush these or any of the above items. If these items continue to get flushed down the drain, the monthly sewer service fee will go up as pumps will have to be replaced more often.

*****Please use low Phosphate products. Our sewer system cannot break down phosphates like larger sewer systems can. *****

DOG LICENSES

The City of Minnesota City will no longer require Dog Licenses. Questions can be directed to any City Council Member.

MINNESOTA CITY WEBPAGE

The Minnesota City Council is working on building a new webpage for the City of Minnesota City. The council would like to hear from the residence of Minnesota City with items they would like to see on the webpage. Suggestions can be presented to any council member listed above.