

# CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY

## NEWSLETTER

### 2024

#### 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 2024.

January 9   February 13   March 6   April 2   May 14   June 11   July 9  
August 6   September 3   October 1   November 12   December 10

#### 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](mailto:mncity@hbc.com), phone (507)689-2480 or by mail P.O. Box 102 Minnesota City, MN 55959.

#### MINNESOTA CITY WEBPAGE

[www.minnesotacitymn.gov](http://www.minnesotacitymn.gov). The Minnesota City Council is building the new webpage for the City of Minnesota City. More content will be added soon.

#### 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 AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup> AND GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Levy Increase

The council plans to use the 2024 levy increase of \$10,000 towards the feasibility study for future road repair.

## **MINNESOTA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE**

The Minnesota City Fire Department will be holding their annual Chicken Q on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2024. 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**

"New and improved!" is an over-used phrase, but the Minnesota City Historical Association's website really is. At [minnesotacity.org](http://minnesotacity.org) you will find the newsletter collection, the story of our founding in 1852, information on city landmarks, photos and video, materials found in the Archives, and an online digital collection. New items continue to be added.

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.

As a note, because of restoration work at the Historic First Baptist Church building the Archives Open House will not be held this April. The baseball history gathering has been postponed until this fall.

Information about events can be found both at [minnesotacity.org](http://minnesotacity.org) and on the Facebook page--  
[www.Facebook.com/minnesotacityhistoryandfriends](http://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](mailto: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. \*\*\***

## **WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPORTANT UPDATE**

The state is monitoring our salt discharge at our sewer plant. All residents need to make sure their water softener is working properly. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

## **Minnesota City Ordinance No. 26**

Ordinance regulating the use of Highways, Streets, and Alleys within the City of Minnesota City.

Section 3, Article 4 - Winter Parking. During and After Snowfall all vehicles need to be removed from the streets between the hours of 1am and 7am until the streets have been cleared of snow.