

CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Mayor Kelvin Penrod opened the Council meeting at 7:02PM. Angie Bohnstengel, Emily Conners, and Joe Pellowski were present.

A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to accept the minutes from the January 3, 2023 meeting. All voted in favor; motion passed.

The Treasurer’s Report for January was accepted on a motion made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Emily Conners and approved by all; motion passed. A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Emily Conners to pay the following bills. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Xcel Energy	(Gas & Electric)	\$495.40
Xcel Energy	(WW Lift Station 149-1/2 Mill)	\$65.66
Xcel Energy	(WW Treatment Plant 149 Bridge St.)	\$469.36
Xcel Energy	(WW Lift Station 121 Lake St)	\$17.32
Xcel Energy	(Street Lights)	\$458.12
Tina Full	(Monthly Salary)	\$1,183.40
EFTPS	(FICA Employer/Employee)	\$205.57
Kelvin Penrod Trucking	(Sewer Plant Daily Monitoring)	\$350.00
Kelvin Penrod Trucking	(Snow Plow City)	\$750.00
Winona County Auditor Treasurer	(Sand / Salt - December)	\$73.06
Potter LLC	(Plowing & Sanding Invoice # 88)	\$2,880.00
SEMLM	(Annual Dues 2023)	\$50.00
USA Blue Book	(Buffer Pack for the Treatment Plant)	\$77.49
Minnesota Public Facilities Authority	(Semi - Annual Loan Repayment)	\$18,613.50
Arbor Day Foundation	(Annual Membership)	\$40.00
USA Blue Book	(Supplies for the Treatment Plant)	\$1,199.47
HBC	(City Phone)	\$40.12
People Service Inc.	(WW Plant Contract)	\$1,490.00
Total Disbursements to be paid		\$28,458.47

Due to the Mayor’s work schedule, Joe Pellowski made a motion to amend the meeting dates in 2023 as stated. Motion was seconded by Angie Bohnstengel. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Meeting Dates: All meetings start at 7:00pm

March 7	April 4	May 2	June 13	July 11	August 8
September 5	October 3		November 14	December 12	

Council discussed the possibility of adding the monthly sewer bills to the homeowner’s taxes. This should not cost the homeowners anything as the city would most likely absorb the cost of \$3.00 per parcel and \$25.00 fee from the county. The city clerk will try to determine the cost vs savings of adding the sewer bills to the homeowner’s taxes. Tabled until March 7th meeting.

A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Emily Conners to instate a 7 ton per axel limit on Minnesota Street and Iowa Street. All voted in favor; motion passed. Signs will be ordered and posted on Minnesota Street and Iowa Street.

A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to eliminate dog licenses in the City of Minnesota City starting immediately going forward. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Council discussed tree trimming in the road right of ways in Minnesota City. Council will talk with the property owners that this will affect before cutting.

Council discussed the possibility of a website for the City of Minnesota City. The startup cost for the website, including the Domain, would be \$2800. There would also be a charge of about \$50 per month for the host and to keep the site operable. The City should also plan for a \$300 budget per year for the website. The council would like to go forward with the plans for a website. Emily is working with Vision Design Group on the cost and will invite them to present at the April 4th Council meeting. A motion was made by Emily Conners and seconded by Joe Pellowski for Vision Design Group to design a web page for the City of Minnesota City. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Council discussed a sewer connection for 140 Minnesota Street. After much discussion the council does not want to move forward with the sewer connection until the property owner submits proper sewer connection information.

Council discussed the open council seat. There are a few community members interested in filling the seat. Council would like anyone interested in filling the seat, to submit interest in filling the seat in writing, and submit it to the council. A motion was made by Emily Conners and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to appoint someone to fill the vacant council seat on April 4th meeting with the full council present. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Council again discussed the possible Building Permit for 120 Bridge Street requested by Dave McCorquodale. Council needs more information from all parties involved before moving forward with a decision. A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to deny the building permit for 120 Bridge Street for a garage until more information is presented by all parties involved. All voted in favor; motion passed.

A motion was made by Emily Conners and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to keep the increase in the Clerk / Treasures monthly Salary to \$1300 per month through the month of June to be re-evaluated at the June 13th meeting for the month of July 2023. All voted in favor; motion passed.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 beginning at 7 PM at the City Hall. A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Emily Conners to adjourn the meeting at 10:12PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Full