

**CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Pellowski opened the Council meeting at 7:00PM. Angie Bohnstengel, Emily Conners, and Hollis Donehower were present. Mayor Kelvin Penrod was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Joe Pellowski abstained from all voting at the February 13, 2024 Meeting.

A motion was made by Emily Conners and seconded Angie Bohnstengel to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2024 meeting. All voted in favor; motion passed.

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

Xcel Energy	(Gas & Electric)	\$434.60
Xcel Energy	(WW Lift Station 149-1/2 Mill)	\$62.07
Xcel Energy	(WW Treatment Plant 149 Bridge St.)	\$426.60
Xcel Energy	(WW Lift Station 121 Lake St)	\$15.98
Xcel Energy	(Street Lights)	\$431.22
Tina Full	(Monthly Salary)	\$1,193.42
EFTPS	(FICA Employer/Employee)	\$198.90
Tina Full	(Stamps, Envelopes, Printer Ink)	\$223.29
Kelvin Penrod Trucking	(Sewer Plant Daily Monitoring)	\$350.00
Kelvin Penrod Trucking	(Snow Plow)	\$602.50
Vision Design Group	(Monthly Hosting)	\$50.00
Potter LLC	(Snow Plow & Sanding)	\$1,840.00
Flaherty & Hood, P.A.	(Annexation)	\$2,394.75
Johnson & Scofield, Inc.	(Annexation - Drawing new City Limits)	\$3,415.00
Arbor Day Foundation	(Annual Membership)	\$40.00
Minnesota Public Facilities Authority	(Semi - Annual Loan Repayment)	\$7,641.18
HBC	(City Phone)	\$40.21
People Service Inc.	(WW Plant Contract)	\$1,535.00
Total Disbursements to be paid		<u>\$20,894.72</u>

Council discussed the issue of property owners leaving their vehicles parked on city streets overnight during snowfall. Due to the vehicles on the street, the plows cannot clear the streets of snow. Ordinance #26 states “It shall be unlawful for any person or owner to abandon or cause to allow a motor vehicle to remain, stand or be parked upon any street within the City of Minnesota City, Minnesota, between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. during or after a snowfall until the streets and shoulders of roads are clear of snow during the months of November, December, January, February, and March of each year. A motion was made by Hollis Donehower and seconded by Emily Conners to send out a certified letter to property owners

who consistently leave their vehicles parked on city streets overnight during snowfall. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Joe Pellowski will call Potter LLC to discuss the plowing of the city streets. Council is wondering if Potter could get their blade down lower to clean the streets better.

Council received a Bid from Bauer – Electrotech to “rework and replacement of existing fire station pump controls and push buttons. To include: providing new (1) pushbutton box, (5) pushbuttons and installation of these on pendant cable to allow lowering and use from the fire truck. Provide and install (2) 5hp soft start controllers for pumps and rework of control wiring at control panel location.” The bid is for \$6,650.00. A motion was made by Angie Bohnstengel and seconded by Emily Connors to accept the bid from Bauer – Electrotech for \$6,650.00. All voted in favor; motion passed.

The Minnesota City Fire Department needs a new set of Jaws of Life. They found a used set in great condition for around \$3500.00. A motion was made Hollis Donehower and seconded by Emily Connors to purchase a used Jaw of Life for the Minnesota City Fire Department up to \$3500.00. Motion was approved by all.

The City received Public Safety Aid in December for \$8752.00. That money will be used to pay for the bid from Bauer – Electrotec and a majority of the Jaws of Life.

The bid from Wigham Services for the 2024 Street Sweeping has been tabled until March. Hollis is checking to see if there are any better bids.

The Minnesota City Fire department presented their 2023 financials to the council.

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 beginning at 7 PM at the City Hall.

A motion was made by Emily Connors and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Full