

CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2026

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

A motion was made by Hollis Donehower and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to accept the minutes from the May 12, 2026 meeting. All voted in favor; motion passed.

A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Emily Conners to accept the minutes from the May 12, 2026 public hearing meeting. All voted in favor; motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report for May was accepted on a motion made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Hollis Donehower 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)	\$400.88
Xcel Energy	(WW Lift Station 149-1/2 Mill)	\$66.87
Xcel Energy	(WW Treatment Plant 149 Bridge St.)	\$381.02
Xcel Energy	(WW Lift Station 121 Lake St)	\$12.41
Xcel Energy	(Street Lights)	\$468.33
Tina Full	(Monthly Salary)	\$1,196.54
EFTPS	(FICA Employer/Employee)	\$198.90
Kelvin Penrod Trucking	(Sewer Plant Daily Monitoring)	\$350.00
Kelvin Penrod Trucking	(Mow and Ground Maintenance at Sewer Plant)	\$495.00
Kelvin Penrod Trucking	(Mow City and Compost Site Maintenance)	\$1,145.00
Vision Design Group	(Monthly Hosting)	\$60.00
Wigham Trucking	(Street Sweeping)	\$995.00
U.S. Postal Service	(Annual Post Office Box Fee)	\$78.00
HBC	(City Phone)	\$43.69
People Service Inc.	(WW Plant Contract)	\$1,660.00
Total Disbursements to be paid		<u>\$7,551.64</u>

Michelle McCorquodale approached the council requesting a reduction for the sewer payment for 120 Bridge Street as the bar has been closed since December and there are no plans to open it back up at this time. After the council's discussion, it was agreed that all homes and businesses need to continue to pay for the sewer even if the property is vacant. The money from each property is needed to continue to maintain the sewer system. At this time the council agreed to keep the homes portion \$40 per month and reduce the bars portion to \$40 per month. A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Emily Conners to reduce the monthly sewer charge for 120 Bridge Street from \$154 per month to \$80 per month as long as the building is not functioning as a business. All voted in favor; motion passed. If the usage of the building changes the sewer rate will go back to \$154 per month. The new rate is effective June 1, 2026.

Shawn Hempsted, a representative from GSS Incorporated representing Great Plains, attended the council meeting. Shawn presented more information about the proposed cell tower to be built in the city. Shawn also answered questions that community members asked. Some of the highlights from the discussion include:

- The FCC makes all of the regulations
- If lights are required, Duo mode lighting will most likely be used
- Health hazards are very small. Big tube TV's, microwaves, and home wifi would emit more health hazards than the cell tower.
- The tower would most likely be between 120 – 150 feet in the air.
- It is very rare for interference with public safety.
- The value of neighboring properties increases or decreases depend upon the needs of the person wanting to buy the home. Some people would prefer not to live close to a cell tower and some people would value living close to a cell tower.
- Cell phones today have weaker signals, largely due to the small sizes of the phones and the trade off of what a phone is capable of offering. Due to the weaker signals, there are more gaps and more towers are needed.

A motion was made by Emily Conners and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to approve the building of a cell tower at 125 Lake Street. All voted in favor except Joe Pellowski voted against the motion; motion passed.

A motion was made by Emily Conners and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to change the cell phone site for the 911 address to 141 Lake Street. All voted in favor; motion passed.

A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Emily Conners to accept the bid proposal for Iowa Street Repairs for \$9576.00 as stated on estimate #4982 from Asphalt Armor Sealcoating & Paving LLC. All voted in favor; motion passed.

The council discussed the Sewer Main and Sewer Extension Feasibility Report for 16723 Forgotten Lane. Council prefers the Forcemain option and will move forward with it. The city will look into grant money from the state.

The council also discussed the Sewer Extension Feasibility Report for 118 Bridge Street. Council agreed the Gravity option would have less maintenance. Kelvin will check with the property owners on Bridge Street for interest.

The City will install 2- 5 ton per axle signs on Wenonah Road. Kelvin will order and install.

The dugouts at the ball field are completed and came in under budget. They ended up costing \$1405.00. A check will be made out to Hollis Donehower as he originally paid for them.

A letter will go out from the city to 17079 County Road 23 requesting the cleanup of the erosion that is taking place from where the Sewer line was installed.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 beginning at 7 PM at the City Hall.

A motion was made by Hollis Donehower and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Full