

**CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

Mayor Kelvin Penrod opened the Council meeting at 7:01PM. Angie Bohnstengel, Emily Conners, and Joe Pellowski were present. Hollis Donehower was absent.

A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded Emily Conners to accept the minutes from the October 3, 2023 Public Hearing. All voted in favor; motion passed.

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

The Treasurer’s Report for October 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)	\$416.73
Xcel Energy	(WW Lift Station 149-1/2 Mill)	\$68.23
Xcel Energy	(WW Treatment Plant 149 Bridge St.)	\$335.64
Xcel Energy	(WW Lift Station 121 Lake St)	\$17.34
Xcel Energy	(Street Lights)	\$435.82
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	(Fill Dirt for New Park Equipment)	\$363.19
Vision Design Group	(Monthly Hosting)	\$50.00
Flaherty & Hood, P.A.	(Annexation)	\$1,130.00
Flaherty & Hood, P.A.	(Annexation)	\$180.00
Potter LLC	(Snow Plow & Sanding)	\$160.00
Dunn Blacktop	(Cold Mix)	\$118.40
Merchants Bank	(Safe Deposit Box Rental)	\$21.00
Winona Aggregate	(Pea Rock for Park Equipment)	\$497.78
Joe Pellowski	(Reimbursement for Playground Install Exp.)	\$87.70
USA Blue Book	(Treatment Plant Supplies)	\$59.17
Hollis Donehower	(Sewer Billing Stubs)	\$65.00
HBC	(City Phone)	\$40.20
People Service Inc.	(WW Plant Contract)	\$1,535.00
Total Disbursements to be paid		<u>\$7,320.17</u>

Senator Jeremy Miller was invited to attend the council meeting to discuss the following topics: Voting for elections, road funding, and a possible emergency exit at the end of Minnesota Street.

Jeremy will look into possible grant money that could be available to the City of Minnesota City to purchase updated voting equipment. He will also research the life expectancy of new voting equipment. Minnesota City will continue with mail in ballots for 2024. The council is looking into the possibility to go back to in person voting for the future elections after 2024.

Jeremy will also research if Minnesota City would qualify for any transportation grants or funding. He will also look into what the options could be for a possible second exit for the homes around Minnesota Street that would be affected if the railroad crossings on Minnesota Street would be blocked and an emergency exit would be needed.

A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Angie Bohnstengel to approve the 2024 Liquor License for Trails End MC LLC. All voted in favor; motion passed.

Two trees on Front Street will be marked to be trimmed.

Council is still working on a new logo for the website. Brenda Eckert shared some possible design ideas.

Sewer payments will still be paid monthly for the 2024 year. Council is still looking into having the sewer billing attached to the homeowner's taxes starting in year 2025.

There are 5 property owners with unpaid sewer bills for 2023. These outstanding balances along with additional fees will be added to the delinquent home owners 2024 taxes

The City of Minnesota City has obtained a UEI number.

Angie has been working on the new building permit applications. It is almost completed. These applications will have an expiration date of one calendar year going forward. Currently there is one building permit that was issued this year that has not yet been used. This permit will need to be refilled out with the new building permit application, but as a 1 time courtesy, a new fee will not be charged for the reissue.

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 beginning at 7 PM at the City Hall.

A motion was made by Joe Pellowski and seconded by Emily Connors to adjourn the meeting at 9:09PM. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Full