

CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY

NEWSLETTER

2025

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 2025.

January 7 February 4 March 4 April 1 May 13 June 10 July 8
August 5 September 2 October 14 November 11 December 9

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 ~ Hollis Donehower (507)689-4344
Council ~ Joe Pellowski (507)458-8246
Clerk / Treasurer ~ Tina Full
Deputy Clerk ~ Amanda Benter

CITY CLERK

Tina Full is the current City Clerk / Treasurer of Minnesota City. Tina can be contacted by email mncity@hbc.com, phone (507)689-2480 or by mail P.O. Box 102 Minnesota City, MN 55959.

MINNESOTA CITY WEBPAGE

www.minnesotacitymn.gov. The Minnesota City Council is continuing to build the webpage for the City of Minnesota City. More content will continue to be added. Council is working on adding a link to the website for homeowners to pay their Monthly Sewer Payments on the City Website. Please watch the website for updates.

FERDEN FAMILY BENEFIT

All neighbors, friends, and family are invited to a community potluck in support of the Kevin Ferden family. They have been displaced from their home since the February 16 fire. The event will be held on Sunday, March 23, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church Hall, 132 Anderson St. in Minnesota City. Please bring a dish to pass. A free will offering will be taken and silent auction items available for bid, with all proceeds going to the family. For more information call (507)689-2515.

MINNESOTA CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

The Minnesota City Fire Department will be holding their annual Chicken Q on Saturday April 26th, 2025. Tickets will be available starting in early April from any department member or by calling Chief Jay Bade at (507) 450-4437. Tickets are \$12 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.

MINNESOTA CITY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Spring brings baseball, and all are invited to talk baseball on Sunday, March 30, 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Hall, 132 Anderson St. in Minnesota City. Those attending will hear of the beginnings in 1896 with the first organized club in Minnesota City, "The Invincibles," memories of those who played on the Cardinals adult team in the mid-1900s, and the start of the present-day youth baseball program. Everyone is encouraged to share their stories of Minnesota City baseball. The discussion will be recorded for later viewing on the website minnesotacity.org. Photos and memorabilia are welcomed and will be photographed for inclusion in the Minnesota City Historical Association's digital collection.

Everyone is welcome at the monthly meetings of the MCHA held on the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall.

Interior restoration work at the Historic First Baptist Church building has been completed, and times for open hours at the Archives will be planned.

Information and updates about these and other events can be found both at minnesotacity.org and on the Facebook page--[www.facebook.com/Minnesota City, MN History and Friends](https://www.facebook.com/Minnesota-City-MN-History-and-Friends).

A Little Free Library

A Little Free Library is available in Minnesota City in front of the Historic Baptist Church at 140 Mill Street. It is a miniature construction of the Church building and has free books for you to take or leave or exchange - no money, no cards, no due dates, and no names. Please take any books you want for yourself or a friend. Check it out.

Our Little Free Library is sponsored by the Minnesota City Readers Book Club, the Minnesota City Historical Association, and the Historical Church Foundation of Minnesota City. Since it is placed in front of the historic building, the library is a miniature replica of the church and was made by Hollis Donehower.

VOTING

Minnesota City continues to be 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.

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 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.

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 or by mail P.O. Box 102 Minnesota City, MN 55959. Applications are also available on the City's webpage. www.minnesotacitymn.gov. 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.