

ORDINANCE NO. 39

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 39, ADOPTED OCTOBER 7, 1966 AND ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MAKING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SAME".

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY, MINNESOTA DO ORDAIN:

SECTION I.

Article 1.

The Fire Department shall consist of one Chief, one Assistant Chief, two Captains, Training Officers, one President, one Secretary, one Treasurer and not less than seven (7) or more than thirty (30) active firemen, including officers. All members must be nineteen (19) years of age at time of application for membership. All members shall retire no later than age sixty (60).

Article 2.

The President, Chief, Assistant Chief and Captains shall constitute a Board of Fire Officers who shall meet when necessary for the transaction of all business of the Fire Department.

Article 3.

The Board of Fire Officers is hereby authorized, empowered and required to adopt a code of By-Laws and rules for the control, management and Government of the Fire Department. At any time the City Council may request, by majority vote, a review and/or up-date of the By-Laws be made by the Fire Department. All changes before becoming effective must be approved by the City Council of Minnesota City.

Article 4.

The Board of Fire Officers is hereby authorized, empowered and required to inspect periodically all buildings and premises where accumulations of combustible materials or hazardous conditions are likely to exist and to order such changes or removal as necessary to maintain safety from fire.

Article 5.

The Board of Fire Officers is required to devise forms or methods of keeping records and shall see that records are kept of all alarms of fire, fire losses, methods of extinguishments, drills, hose, apparatus and minor equipment.

SECTION II.

Article 1.

The Chief, President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually by the members of the Department at a meeting held in the month of December subject to confirmation by the City Council within sixty (60) days.

Article 2.

The Assistant Chief, Captains and Training Officers shall be appointed by the Chief unless otherwise defined in the By-Laws.

Article 3.

The Chief, upon a review of the City Council of Minnesota City and found guilty of not enforcing the Fire Ordinance or it's By-Laws, or for any just cause, may be relieved of his duty by a four-fifths vote of the City Council of Minnesota City.

SECTION III.

Article 1.

The Fire Chief shall have a minimum of three (3) years service and have attended at least three (3) Fire Schools.

Article 2.

The Chief may call a Fire Drill for training purposes at any time, but, must call at least one drill per month.

Article 3.

The Fire Chief shall be required to enforce the adopted By-Laws of this Ordinance.

Article 4.

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all proceedings in a book provided for that purpose and perform such other further duties as may be required of the Secretary by the By-Laws of the Fire Department.

Article 5.

The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all funds belonging to the Fire Department and pay out the same only on approval by the Firemen and counter signed by the President. Any sum total of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or more, excluding emergency replacement and repair expenditures must be approved by the City Council of Minnesota City.

SECTION IV.

Article 1.

All personal cars of Fire Department members, when responding to a fire alarm shall be operated with complete regard for safety and in full compliance with local and State Traffic regulations.

Article 2.

No person shall be allowed to enter any firehouse to handle any apparatus or implements belonging to the Department, unless accompanied by an active member of the Department.

Article 3.

Nothing herein shall be construed to obligate the City of Minnesota City for payment of any wages or other remuneration to said Fire Chief, Officers, or Firemen. Wages or other remunerations may be paid by, when, and where there is a City insurance policy to cover the same.

Article 4.

Ordinance No. 33, adopted October 7th, 1966 and amended October 10th, 1968 is hereby repealed.

Article 5.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after it's passage and publication.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNESOTA CITY THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE 1985.

SHERMAN C. WOODWARD
MAYOR

ATTEST:

ALMA M. CISEWSKI
CITY CLERK