

# September 2024 City Newsletter

## \*City Council Briefs Not Formally Approved by Council\*

Meeting Date: August 12, 2024

Council Present: Gruendemann, Schneider, and R. Kokesch.

Staff Present: Radermacher, K. Kokesch

Guests: C. Freitag, B. Tonak, D. Menk, C. Minkel.

Regular Meeting called to order, Pledge and Roll Call.

Approved minutes of the regular meeting 7/8/24

Approved consent agenda: bills of \$56,568.30; fourteen past due utility accounts; no zoning permits issued:

1. Council approved music at the Longbranch past 10om on October 18th. C. Freitag asked for discount on sewer charge due to removal of boulevard trees and replanting grass seed. Council approved averaging sewer charge to \$70 through October. B. Tonak had a late fee and disconnect notice fee and asked council to reverse the fees due to the fact that he wrote a check for his bill and it went missing and never cleared the bank, Council approved this one time reversal of fees.
2. Dept heads: Menk and K. Kokesch had an ISO inspection that went well. Menk discussed options for the old grass rig with council, most likely to be listed as surplus property and sold. Bed races at Catfish days was a hit and the FD hopes to continue this in the future. Menk reported no news on the grant for the washer and dryer but a donation is supposed to be coming for it. C. Minkel is looking for an EMR/EMT class for a new MRU member. K. Kokesch shared good reports from Catfish Days. Kokesch and Radermacher spread over 200 yards of wood chips at the playground and more could be added; the new park equipment had already had some vandalism with something on the fire truck window that had not been able to be removed. Two lift stations need pumps, approved. Radermacher reported one sponsorship of a tree, a bench the civic club will be donating, and cleaning fees for the community center, city hall and fire hall are set to be increased starting January 2025.
3. Council approved new hire for MRU pending background check and all paperwork getting handed in.
4. Summer/Winter hours for city hall and public works to be posted on City Hall door.
5. AES Solar permit application was presented to council
6. Council approved VOTER funds contract with Renville County.
7. Tabled Excel energy right of entry agreement.
8. Salaries/Fee changes for 2025 tabled.
8. Bills were paid as follows:



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Salaries	Net	\$9,010.29	Ren Co Ag	Catfish	\$1,000.00	Amstar	Fuel	\$192.70
PERA	Retirement	\$1,593.26	Mikes auto parts	Supplies	\$159.99	VISA	Supplies	\$1,414.18
MN Dept. of Rev.	Withholding	\$447.26	Runnings	Supplies	\$360.56	John Deer	Supplies	\$55.64
IRS	Withholding	\$2,630.76	Post master	Dues	\$154.00	R. Keicker	Catfish	\$225.00
SWWC	Insurance	\$4,255.32	McGowan	Maint	\$2,050.00	Clarke	Mosquito	\$1,064.00
Ren-Sibley Coop.	Energy	\$59.60	C. Kokesch	Cleaing	\$242.50	Hardwoods	Park	\$3,800.00
Clobes Sanitation	Garbage	\$3,232.29	Hawkins	Chemicals	\$823.23	St Croix	Park	\$5,879.12
Madison National	Insurance	\$22.65	Automatic Systems	Maint	\$1,275.90	MN Vallley Telephone	Phone	\$320.31
Marco	Printing	\$169.83	Anderson Larson	Legal	\$68.00	Wex	Fuel	\$44.40
Gopher State	Locates	\$14.85	Bolton and Menk	Engineering	\$5,619.00	All Phase elect	Maint	\$174.65
LMCIT	Insurance	\$6,180.00	Fahey tiling	Park	\$1,756.79	Standard gazette	Printing	\$33.38
Pat Sullivan	Fuel	\$176.88	Radermacher	Mileage	\$128.64	Kennedy ang Graven	Legal	68.6

# Community Calendar September 2024

- September 2 Labor Day
- September 3 Mosquito Spraying
- September 5 Legion Meeting
- September 9 Lions Club, 6 PM  
City Council, 7 PM
- September 19 Fire/MRU monthly meetings



## September Curbside Recycling Days— 10 & 24th

### Floats, Food, and Fellowship!

Join us at ST. Luke's Church

September 3

5:00-6:30

Root Beer or Orange Floats

BBQs or Cones

Quick Quilt Raffle (Drawing at 6:30)

Free will offering with proceeds to go for a new heat pump for ST. Luke's!  
All are Welcome!



School is starting!  
Please slow down  
and watch out for  
kids walking to and  
from school!

### Electronics and Appliance Recycling

1st Wednesday of the Month

2:00-6:00

Sept 4— Bird Island Fair grounds

October 2— Behind Redwood County Museum

Most electronics and appliances recycled for free!

For more info, call 800-366-8665 or visit  
[www.swrecycling.com](http://www.swrecycling.com)

Open burning is regulated from April-October. You must have a permit to burn. Burning is allowed between the hours of 6:00PM-9:00PM. It is your responsibility to adhere to burning bans. There is no permit required for recreational (camp) fires.



**\*REMINDER— DO NOT** mow your grass clippings onto the street! The clippings plug the storm sewer. Blowing your clipping into the street is a violation of City Ordinance!!



Did you know that you can set up autopayments to your city utility accounts?!  
For more information contact City Hall  
507-557-2259

