

February 2024

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City of Kasson

Phone number: 507-634-7071

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HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!

Kasson Public Utilities are updating our records and would appreciate it if you could provide us with your latest contact information. You can call us at 507-634-7071, email us at utilitybilling@cityofkasson.com, or stop in City Hall.

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday–Thursday will be 8:00am to 5:00pm
Friday will be 8:00am to 1:00pm.

CLOSINGS

City Hall and the Public Library will be closed on February 19, 2024 in observance of Presidents Day.

City of Kasson Emergency Numbers

EMERGENCY 911
NON-EMERGENCY POLICE
507-634-3881

After hours please call 833-342-1158 for Water/Sewer & Electrical Issues



Would you like your bill earlier each month? Sign up for E-Statements at www.cityofkasson.com.

FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAINING

FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (POST CREDIT)

AWARENESS - Evidence Preservation

This class is designed to introduce new firefighters to the idea of evidence preservation on the fire scene, and serve as a refresher for experienced firefighters. The class will cover what evidence is, a basic overview of what investigators will be looking for, how to collect/preserve evidence, and what some of the signs of a suspicious fire are.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
FORUM ROOM
KASSON/MANTORVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
1800-2100

Instructor

Levi Roline
Deputy State Fire Marshal-Investigator
Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Division
Department of Public Safety
Kasson



SNOW EMERGENCIES: No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any street or alley during a declared snow emergency. A snow emergency is defined as any time the quantity of snow warrants the deployment of snow plows. During snow emergencies, no parking shall be allowed on the road or alley until the snow and ice plowing has been completed the full width of the roadway. Citations shall be issued to vehicle owners parked in the path of a snow plow on the first pass. Any vehicle violating this article will be towed without notice to the property owner, at the owner's expense.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS: No owner or occupant of a property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall allow snow or ice to remain on the sidewalk longer than 24 hours after snow has ceased to fall. After that time, the City may remove the snow or ice and bill the responsible party for costs incurred.

PILING OF SNOW: Persons shall not push or deposit snow or ice into a street or alley from private property or public boulevards. Do not pile snow at street corners or at the ends of public drives so it interferes with the view of the traveling public. Property owners will be charged removal costs if such piles must be removed by City staff or other agent of the City. -Thank you

KEEP'EM CLEAR



CLEAR FIRE HYDRANTS & ELECTRICAL BOXES

It is the citizen's responsibility to clear in front of and on both sides of the hydrant and electrical box if you have one located on your property. Keeping these cleared allows access for emergency access, repair and maintenance.

The City is not responsible for replacing landscaping/personal items around these areas should they need access. The firemen, utility workers and your neighbors appreciate it!

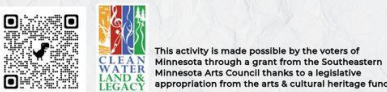
Kasson Public Library - *Blind Date With a Book!*

Valentine's Day is coming, which means it's time for Blind Date With a Book! Our kickoff event this year is Thursday, February 8 at 7:00pm. There will be icebreakers, trivia, and of course the selection of your "date." Return on Thursday, February 29 at 7:00pm and tell us how it went! Teens and adults are warmly encouraged to attend.

THE K-M PERFORMANCE SERIES PRESENTS
Bridge Over Troubled Water
SHOW @ 7PM
FEB. 10, 2024
FEATURING:
Collective Unconscious

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Collective Unconscious performs Simon and Garfunkel's 1970 album *Bridge Over Troubled Water* in its entirety, and other hits from the duo, as well as songs from Paul Simon's solo career.



101 16TH STREET NE, KASSON, MN
507-634-4464
<https://sites.google.com/komets.k12.mn.us/pac/home>



Medical Emergency Forms: Minnesota Law requires a utility to reconnect or continue service to a customer's residence where medical emergency exists or where medical equipment requires electricity to sustain life. Emergency Medical Forms are available on the City of Kasson website under departments, Kasson Public Utilities or at City Hall upon request. These forms need to be updated yearly for accurate records. Please provide a note from a medical professional explaining your medical condition and how it would be affected or how an emergency could arise from the loss of service. In the event of an outage, you are responsible for having a backup source of power. You may submit forms via mail to:

City of Kasson
401 5th St SE



Cold Weather Rule:

Helps protect your heat from Oct 1 through April 30 and is available for residential customers only. Disconnects will continue through winter as normal for non-payment if the primary heat source is not affected. For payment plans with the City of Kasson, please call 507-634-7071 or email utilitybilling@cityofkasson.com

Follow the link below for more information. [Shut-Off Protection / Public Utilities \(mn.gov\)](http://Shut-Off Protection / Public Utilities (mn.gov))

SEMCAC'S ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM may be able to help you with winter energy bills. (Eligibility is based on household income.)
Serving Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Steele & Winona Counties

Call SEMCAC!
800-944-3281 or 507-864-8248

Come enjoy a play put on by the Kasson Mantorville Performance Series!

Exciting News! The newest Kwik Trip opened near Hwy 57, Near the Kason Mantorville High School. Stop in, grab a Donut and see the newest edition to Kasson!

CONTACT KASSON CITY HALL, UTILITY BILLING AT 507-634-7071 FOR SHUT OFF PROTECTION

Employee Spotlight: Electric Dept. Supervisor



Q&A with Jarrod Nelson, Electric Department Supervisor for the City of Kasson

Can you tell us about your position and the services you provide to the community?

In my role as the Electric Department Supervisor, I manage all aspects of the electrical utility for the City of Kasson. This includes day to day operations, metering and its related parts, planning for existing and new infrastructure maintenance and installation, material acquisitions, technology upgrades and implementation, a variety of customer interactions as well as emergency work and unexpected issues like equipment failure or accidents that arise periodically.

What, in your opinion, is the most challenging part of working as an Electric Department Supervisor?

Working for a small Utility comes with many challenges. Smaller budgets, less staff and increasing customer expectations are all challenging. Over the last 3 years, supply chain issues and balancing the need to have material on hand along with the widely varying lead time has been particularly challenging. When a transformer takes 3 years from the time of ordering to arrive it gets much harder to tailor the needs to the supply as most jobs are not planned 3 years in advance. Currently the growth of the City and the demand on the current, 30 year old electric system and how to serve current and additional load growth will be the focus for the next 3-5 years.

What, in your opinion, is the most rewarding part of being an Electric Department Supervisor?

Personally, I find working with my staff as well as other City staff to be the most rewarding. Seeing people succeed and having a part in that is rewarding. I also like the challenging parts of operating a small utility as it allows me to “wear a lot of hats” within my job that would have separate individuals in a larger entity.

What do you consider the most important traits of an Electric Department Supervisor?

In my opinion, it is very important to have a good attitude and maintain an ability to be flexible in a variety of situations and with a variety of people. No day is the same as the last, no plan goes exactly as laid out and no person is the same and you must be able to effectively keep moving forward, keep communicating and keep the lights on.

Can you tell us about the path you took to become an Electric Dept. Supervisor?

I came into the trade at an older age after bouncing around at various mid-level management, sales, and manufacturing jobs. I attended Northwest Lineman College in 2009, worked at Avenia and Highline contracting and building both transmission and distribution lines until I got a job for a very short time in 2012 in Breckenridge, MN. That was not a good fit for me as it was too far from home (Rochester, MN). At that time, I applied to the City of Kasson as an apprentice lineman and was hired. I had 1 year left of my apprenticeship and finished that here, was offered the Lead Line worker job and accepted that a few years later and took this role when long time supervisor Todd Kispert left. As of March 2024, I will have 5 years in this position.

Do you have any advice for students who are interested in getting into this field?

If you want to be in the electrical field (or any trade), it is important to understand that you need to be willing to do hard physical work, have a good attitude and mental flexibility, show up on time and ready to work. The trades are very structured and pay well while you learn, even while starting out. In linework, my number one job is keeping my employees and the public safe and I count on some very good guys to do that for me too. It's a team effort and people skills are a must.