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# City of Kasson

Tree City USA

Phone  
number:  
507-634-7071



## Employee Spotlight: City Administrator

Q&A with Timothy Ibsch, City Administrator for the City of Kasson

**Can you tell us a little bit about your office and the services you provide to the community?**  
The City of Kasson oversees electric, water, sewer, stormwater, roads, library services, rental inspections, zoning and code enforcement, community and economic development, parks, recreation etc.

**Very simply, what does a job as a City Administrator entail?**

A City Administrator can be responsible for everything related to running a city. I spend a lot of time answering emails and phone calls following up on projects and I spend a significant amount of time talking with employees, councilors, board members, and members of the community.

**You interact with a wide variety of people, from other city officials, to businesses, to families living in the city. How do you communicate with all these different groups?**

It's not easy, but we use Facebook, email, mass emails, face to face, phone calls, attending meetings, running into them in the grocery store, etc.

**What, in your opinion, is the most rewarding part of working as a City Administrator?**

Working at the local level we can have a visible positive effect in the community.

**What, in your opinion, is the most challenging part of being a City Administrator?**

Trying to satisfy everyone without breaking the budget.

**You've mentioned zoning and the rules related to it. How is zoning determined? Is this something that a City Administrator helps with, or do others determine this?**

The Planning Commission recommends zoning/policy changes to the City Council. The City Council adopts the zoning and staff here at City Hall implements it. Ian Albers is our Community Development Assistant, and he handles many cases in consultation with me.

**What do you consider the most important traits of a City Administrator?**

Every City Administrator has a very different background. Some come from business, planning, emergency management, engineering, public administration, or something entirely different. However, every City Administrator must have the resolve to keep projects and the community moving ahead even when things go poorly or take way longer than projected.

**Can you tell us about the path you took to become a City Administrator?**

My master's degree is in Urban Studies with a focus on local government from Minnesota State University. I served in Tyler, MN as the Clerk/Administrator in SW MN before joining the US Navy. I then worked at the City of Blue Earth, MN as City Administrator before moving to Kasson and assuming this position.

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

Don't be scared to interact in your local community and ask to shadow a staff person and attend Council or committee meetings. There is a lack of young people moving into these jobs. Many City Administrators are retiring in Minnesota and soon there will be a shortage. Now is a good time to get into the field!



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Please check your online Portal Account(s) to ensure information is correct and valid. Fees **WILL** apply for invalid transactions. *Thank You!*

### Volunteer Opportunity!

The City of Kasson is looking for an individual to join the Park Board. Stop by City Hall to obtain an application or call 507-634-7071 for more information. It's a great way to be involved in the Kasson community!

Scan QR Code for List of Participating Businesses

<https://kassonchamber.org/Shop-Local-Passport/>

### Register your Dogs

A lifetime animal license is required by ordinance for all dogs living within the city limits of Kasson. At the present time the City is not contracted with a local veterinarian to impound dogs, therefore Kasson Police Department cannot pick up lost animals. When an animal is properly licensed, it allows neighbors, law enforcement agencies, or anyone encounters a lost animal to return it to their home quickly.

Visit [www.cityofkasson.com](http://www.cityofkasson.com) for more information.



### 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**

### News from the Water Department

The 2022 Consumer Confidence Report is now available on the City of Kasson website. Click the link below or scan the QR Code. Report will not be mailed or published. Paper copy will be available upon request by calling City Hall at 507-634-7071.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc4edzx5>



### KASSON AQUATIC CENTER!

**Will be open May 27, 28, and 29; and then June 3rd through August 20th.  
Visit [KassonPool.com](http://KassonPool.com) for more information.**

**New:**

**Rolling Hills Transit would like to extend our transportation services for parents, guardians, or daycare providers to get their children to and from the aquatic center this summer. Visit [KassonPool.com](http://KassonPool.com) for more information!**

**\*Zero re-entry fees for evening open swim with a same day stamp!**

