



# CITY OF ST. BONI WINTER NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023

## CITY OF ST. BONIFACIUS 2023 BUDGET SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2023 budget information concerning the City of St. Bonifacius to interested citizens. The budget is posted and published in the city newsletter and on-line in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete; the 2023 Budget does not include water/sewer/storm sewer budgets. The complete budget may be examined at the St. Bonifacius City Office located at 8535 Kennedy Memorial Drive. The City Council approved this budget on 12/21/2022.

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Property Taxes	821,048	873,715	General Government	954,517	419,464
Special Assessments	49,090	33,783	Public Safety	570,722	618,543
Licenses and Permits	139,385	105,847	Streets and Highways	344,820	383,259
State General Purpose Aid	376,599	374,355	Debt Service - Principal	353,165	329,735
State Categorical Aid (state aid for fire aid)	50,000	50,000	Interest and Fiscal Charges	44,180	36,425
Grants from County & Other Local Gov.	12,000	11,000	Capital Outlay	216,800	219,500
Charges for Services	1,069,001	343,379	Transfers to Other Funds	194,551	0
Fines and Forfeits	9,500	6,600			
Interest on Investments	8,000	5,000			
Transfers from Other Funds	334,651	142,870			
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>2,869,274</b>	<b>1,946,549</b>	<b>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>2,678,755</b>	<b>2,006,926</b>

## NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF ST. BONI COUNCIL



**Mayor Kerry Taylor**

Kerry Taylor enters her second term as Mayor.



**Councilmember Randy Ebert**

Randy Ebert is beginning his first term as a Councilmember.



**Councilmember Carolyn Brooks**

Carolyn Brooks, appointed to the council in June of 2022 to fill a vacancy, was elected to fill a 4- year term.

### 1165 VOTERS

#### Election Results – Mayor

Kerry Taylor .....757  
Write-in ..... 34



#### Election Results – City Council (vote for 2)

Carolyn Brooks .....560  
Thomas Schufman .....436  
Randy Ebert.....450  
Write-in.....16

## 2023 TAX LEVY APPROVED

The St. Bonifacius City Council on December 21, 2022 passed a resolution to approve the final 2023 tax levy for the amount of \$873,715. This is a 6.4% increase from 2022. The last five years of levies were as follows: 2022 - +12.9%, 2021 - +3.6%, 2020 - +2.1%, 2019 - +3.7%, 2018 - +4.7%, 2017 - +2.0%

## LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW IS APRIL 5

Property owners who do not agree with their current property values established by the County Assessor are invited to attend the Local Board of Review meeting, to be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 5<sup>th</sup> in the City Council Chambers. You are encouraged to first call or e-mail the County Assessor at 612-802-7532 or [kevin.wynn@hennepin.us](mailto:kevin.wynn@hennepin.us) as he may be able to answer your questions.

## COUNCIL ADOPTS 2023 UTILITY RATES

The City Council has adopted the 2023 Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. These rates represent the fees charged for city services including utility services for water and sewer. The following chart outlines the new 2023 utility rates in comparison to the 2022 rates. These new rates went into effect January 1, 2023. Residents will see the rate change for applicable services on the utility statement distributed in February 2023.

UTILITY	2022 RATE	2023 RATE	CHANGE
All stated rates are billed monthly.			
<b>Water Rates</b>			
Base Unit Charge per Month	\$7.35	\$8.00	+\$0.65
Use Rate Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$6.25	\$6.80	+\$0.55
<b>Sewer Rates</b>			
Base Unit Charge per Month	\$7.65	\$8.35	+\$0.70
Use Rate Charge per 1,000 gallons June, July, August & September Based on April water reading	\$4.10	\$4.50	+\$0.40
<b>Storm Water</b>			
Maintenance Fee	\$7.10	\$7.75	+\$0.65
<b>Other Fees</b>			
Penalty/Late Payment	2%	2%	No Change
Curb Stop Turn Off or On Labor	\$25.00/visit	\$25.00/visit	No Change
Water Meter/Radio Non-compliance	\$50.00/month	\$50.00/month	No Change

SAVE TIME AND MONEY: Consider enrolling in Auto Pay on your city utility account. Setup is quick and easy. Go to city website at [www.ci.st-bonifacius.mn.us](http://www.ci.st-bonifacius.mn.us). Use RESIDENTS tab at top right of page and go into WATER & SEWER UTILITY BILLING.

## CITY UTILITY BILL

### Payment Options

The City of St. Bonifacius utility bills include charges for water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer. Bills are mailed monthly to residents and businesses. Customers can pay their bill through a number of options.

#### Auto Pay Program

The most convenient way to pay your bill is through the city's Auto Pay Program. With this option, you can automatically pay your utility bill through your checking or savings account. The funds are withdrawn from your account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. No more checks to write or stamps to buy. The program is free and only requires a one-time setup. Forms are available on the city website or at City Hall.

#### Pay by Mail or Walk-in

Utility customers can also pay by check or money order through the mail or by dropping payments in the secure drop box located in the parking lot of City Hall. If mailing your payment, please send all payments with your payment coupon. You may also pay your bill in person at our office. Payments must be received on or before the due date listed on the bill to avoid a 2 percent late fee.

## Tips to help you save precious water!



Residents should check their toilets for leaks. A running toilet can dramatically increase your water bill.

**A leak the size of a lead pencil head at 50 lbs. pressure uses 200 gallons**

### of water in 24 hours!

Check for leaks by putting food coloring (red or blue) in tank. DO NOT flush. Check periodically to see if color has migrated to the bowl. If it has, replace worn or defective parts.

**Install water saving shower heads** in your tub and bath. This will save gallons every time you shower.

### Remember, be water conscious!

Is your water softener operating efficiently? Water softeners and water heaters should be drained and cleaned yearly; this provides efficient operation.

Water softeners with salt tanks not cleaned regularly could result in low water pressure in your home. If you should need assistance, call your local plumber or water softener company for assistance.

## Welcome

*The City of St. Bonifacius welcomed Tania Duke to the office on January 17<sup>th</sup> as the new Secretary/Receptionist. She has been a resident of St. Boni for over 17 years! Please give Tania a warm welcome.*

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE DISCOUNTS!

SENIOR CITIZEN AND MILITARY DISCOUNT  
Over 60 years old or active military

SAVE  
**10% OFF**



The City of St. Bonifacius contracts the Sanitation and Recycling Contracts with Randy's Sanitation for the City. In this contract Randy's Sanitation is extending

offers to residents for a 10% Senior Discount (age 60+) and a 10% discount for active military personnel on any service level. To take advantage of these discounts please contact Randy's Sanitation at 763-972-3335.

## Thank You!

The Parks/Planning Commission and the City Council would like to thank the following businesses for displaying lights and or decorations during the holiday season:

Bearded Mechanic  
St. Boni Bistro  
Crossbar  
Grumpy's on Main  
Jazzy J's  
Mackenthun's Meats & Deli  
Mark's Laundromat  
Shoppes of St. Boni  
St. Boni Antique Stores  
Tony Ebert Builders

## ST. BONI SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Public Works will perform snow removal during work schedule hours of 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. If dangerous conditions are present during non-working hours, the Public Works will return to work upon their judgement of conditions or upon a phone call from the police department. Normally a police officer will call Public Works if over 2 inches of snow has fallen or conditions are icy.

### Priorities for Snow Removal Will Be:

1. Approaches to Hwy 7 and County Rd 92
2. Fire Station Parking Lot
3. City Streets
4. Alleys
5. Public Building Parking Lots & Building Walkways
6. Fire Hydrants
7. Windrow of the Block from 400 to 4100 Main Street
8. City Trails and Sidewalks
9. Cul de sac Snow Piles / Glacier Road barrier as needed

The city's sidewalk snow removal ordinance requires property owners to remove snow and ice from walkways and trails adjacent to their property. If it becomes necessary for the city to upkeep such walkways, the city shall assess all costs of maintenance against the taxes of such property.

When clearing snow from your own driveway, keep in mind that it is **unlawful to plow across a city, county or state roadway**. It is **unlawful** for anyone, especially commercial snow removal operators, to **deposit snow in any fashion onto public roadways or adjacent properties**.

On Garbage/Recycle day, **DO NOT** place the cans in the street. They must be placed in your driveway or they will be hit by the plow.

## REMEMBER THE ABCs OF FIRE HYDRANT SAFETY THIS WINTER

*Always **Be** **C**learing three feet and clear to the street!*

- Keep it clear of snow and ice
- Clear a path between the hydrant and the street
- Clear snow to make a three-foot perimeter around the hydrant
- Help your neighbors if they are unable to clear hydrant in their yard
- Remember, in fighting fires.....every second counts!



*Thank you!* to the residents of St. Boni. Public Safety picked up 3 very large bags full of toys from City Hall and delivered them to Toys for Tots. Thank you so much for your generosity!



## City Council Recap

The City Council meets twice a month. Highlighted are items the City Council has taken action on over the past three months:

- Approved payment to Thurk Bros. in the amount of \$925 for a baseball breaking the front window.
- Approved Resolution 2022-23; approving State Storage West development improvements.
- Approved Ordinance Amendment 2022-02; amending certain provisions to Chapter 91-Drones.
- Approved the Dish Wireless lease to place antennas on water tower.
- Approved hiring James Vanderlinde and Jason Menzel for the seasonal part-time on-call snow removal.
- Approved estimate from Safe Basements for \$36,224 for interior and exterior damp proofing at Public Works building.
- Approved the \$5,314.92 quote from On-Deck Sports for Missile Park dugout benches.
- Approved the \$705.33 quote from Game Time to repair slide at Missile Park.
- Approved the \$2200 to Otto Associates for the survey of Missile Park.
- Approved a Fire Relief per year of service pension increase from \$4800 to \$5200.
- Budget approvals included 12.6% fire call and drill wage increase, fire fighter's administrative position average increase of 16.4% as individually listed in 2023 proposed budget, and a Adm/Clk/Trs 4% hourly wage increase
- Liquor licenses were approved for Holiday, Kwik Trip and St. Boni Lions
- Approved Fire Relief request to serve liquor at the Fire Station for 1/28/23 banquet. Fire Chief to submit annually for council approval the events that liquor will be served at the Fire Station.
- Approved sign application for 4075 Tower Street contingent upon placement of sign being 25' from back of curb.
- Approved Adm/Clk/Trs request to work from home on snow/ice days when Waconia School district is closed contingent on the city office remaining open.
- Approved 2023 Fee Schedule with following changes: Missile Park ballfield use - increase each practice to \$40.00 and each game to \$75.00, Townsedge Field use - increase each practice to \$30.00 and each game to \$40.00. No fees for St. Boni Saints and Crown College who has a written lease agreement. Increase water, sewer and storm rates by 9% as recommended in the 2021 engineer's rate study.
- Approved hiring Tania Duke for the part-time Receptionist/Secretary position.
- Approved hiring of Killmer Electric for \$13,875 for electrical work at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Approved water treatment plant security system for cost of \$27,752.72 from IdentiSys.

City Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public. You are encouraged to attend the meetings or watch them on LMCC Channel 8 or from LMCC website which is available on the city website. All meeting minutes and council packets are also available on the city website.

Or Current Resident

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## CITY CALENDAR

Feb. 1 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 Feb. 15 ..... Utility Bills Due  
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 Feb. 20 ..... City Office Closed - President's Day  
 Mar. 1 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 Mar. 15 ..... Utility Bills Due  
 Mar. 15 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 Apr. 5 ..... Local Board of Review 6:30 p.m.  
 Apr. 5 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 Apr. 10 ..... Fire Relief Meeting (Fire Station) 6:00 p.m.  
 Apr. 13 ..... Council/Consult/Staff Quarterly Workshop 7:00 p.m.  
 Apr. 15 ..... Utility Bills Due  
 Apr. 19 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 May 3 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 May 6 ..... City Cleanup Day 8:00 am til noon  
 May 17 ..... City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 May 18 ..... Fire Dept. Advisory Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 May 29 ..... City Office Closed for Memorial Day

## MEETING SCHEDULES

<b>City Council</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.	<b>Parks/Planning Commission</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> and last Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (if there is an agenda)
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Contact City Hall at least 4 business days before council or planning commission meeting if you have an item for the agenda.



### Check Out the City Website!

[www.ci.st-bonifacius.mn.us](http://www.ci.st-bonifacius.mn.us)

The City website provides information about your local government, answers to frequently asked questions, and links to frequently used city forms including building permits and licenses. The City also posts Council meeting packets, Council meeting videos, public notices, ordinance changes, policies in effect, and current events.

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## 2023-2024 ST. BONI CITY COUNCIL

**Kerry Taylor, Mayor**

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**Randy Ebert, Councilmember**

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Watch the City Council Meetings:  
Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission  
(LMCC) broadcasts meetings on  
Mediacom Cable, Ch. 8,  
and also on their website at [www.lmcc-tv.org](http://www.lmcc-tv.org).

## CONTACT CITY HALL

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Public Works On-Call: 952-446-8193

**Brenda Fisk**

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

**Kristine DeBoer**

Assistant Clerk

**Tania Duke**

Secretary/Receptionist

**Bruce Meuleners**

Parks/Streets Supervisor

**Pete Hilgers**

Public Utilities Supervisor

For after hours Public Works emergencies, please contact the Minnetrista Police Department at 952-446-1131.

