

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF SMALL CITIES

2008 – 2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES

The Minnesota Association of Small Cities looks forward to working with and for your city during 2008 and 2009. The following is information relating to the dues structure of MAOSC. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Executive Director Dave Engstrom at 651-214-5263. Thank you in advance for your membership.

Dues Structure

<u>Population</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Per Capita</u>
0 – 1,000	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.45
1,001 – 2,000	\$ 150.00	\$ 0.45
2,001 – 5,000	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.45

2007 – 2008 Annual Dues Statement

City of Rockville

Membership Base	\$200
Population of (<u>2632</u>) multiplied by 0.45 per capita	<u>\$1184.4</u>
Total Dues	<u>\$1384.4</u>

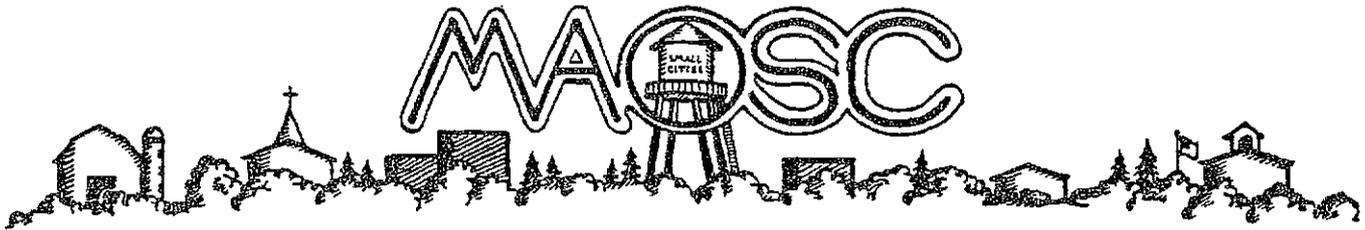
Dues may be remitted to:

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Minnesota Association of Small Cities

June 9, 2008

The 2008 Minnesota Legislative session is over, which means it is time for the Minnesota Association of Small Cities staff and board to start planning for the year ahead and for member cities to strengthen our united effort by rejoining our association.

MAOSC serves as your representative before the legislature, state and federal agencies, and outside resources. We know that most small city officials do not have the time or resources to travel to St. Paul or around the state, so we fill in the gap, making sure that your needs are recognized and acted upon and not ignored.

Much of our work takes place during the legislative session, and our presence has an affect on many of the bills that are heard every year. We have to concentrate our efforts on some major issues, but our advice is sought – and listened to – on many issues affecting small cities. We have enclosed for your perusal a summary of activity that took place at the Minnesota Legislature this year. Also provided is a brochure on MAOSC and why your participation is so important to keeping our message alive.

We would like to say thank you for your membership in the Minnesota Association of Small Cities. You and other member cities have provided the building blocks needed to strengthen our association, allowing us to bring into focus the needs of small cities. We look forward to serving you in the coming year and hope we can count on your continued participation and support.

Have a great summer.

The Minnesota Association of Small Cities Board of Directors
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The mission of the Minnesota Association of Small Cities is to enhance the quality of life in small cities of the state through advocacy, networking and collaboration.

2008 Minnesota Legislative Session Review

The 2008 Legislature solved the \$935 million budget shortfall, using a combination of \$355 million in spending cuts, \$100 million in corporate tax changes, and \$500 million from the state's Rainy Day Fund. Other areas of interest include:

- ~ Property tax relief and \$60 million in the form of LGA to cushion the effects of levy limits.
- ~ Education bill provides an additional \$51 per student in one-time aid to school districts.
- ~ Transportation package that will invest \$6.6 billion in new resources over 10 years.
- ~ \$24 million compensation fund established for the survivors of the I-35 Bridge collapse.
- ~ Establish Lake Vermilion State Park.
- ~ Provide \$70 million in funding for the Central Corridor Light-Rail Line.

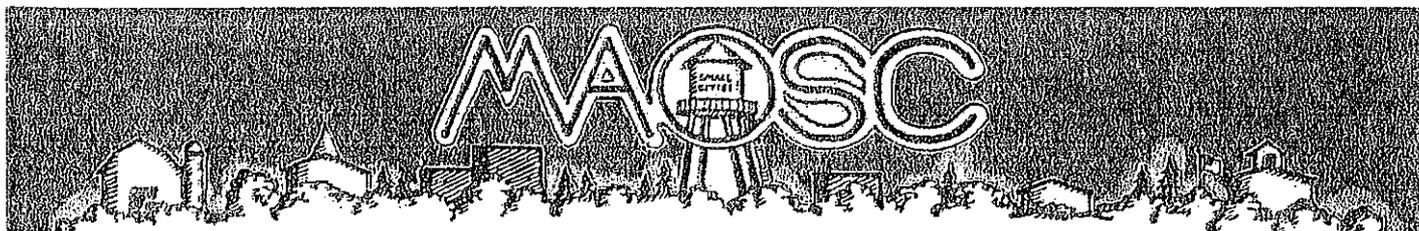
State and Local Government

With bipartisan support in both houses of the legislature, a bill was approved to allow local units of government to define "dependents" as it relates to health care benefits. With the change in law, local units of government will be able to include siblings, parents, or domestic partners, *if they choose to do so*. The change would put local government units on a level playing field with other states and large businesses. At this time, the legislation was sent to the Governor, but no signed into law.

Levy limits were included in the Omnibus Tax Bill, limiting the amount cities and counties will be able to increase levies. A levy limit of 3.9% for three years for cities over 2,500. Certain exceptions will apply, such as allowing cities to increase levies beyond this limit if police and fire costs exceed the previous years' costs. School levies also are exempt from this limit.

The Omnibus Tax Bill provides a total of \$128 million in aids to local governments in 2010-11. The LGA increase is \$42 million a year beginning in 2010. Inflationary increases of 2% and 4% are provided in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

A victory for MAOSC is the inclusion of a provision to increase the per capita calculation for small cities less than 5000 to \$8.50. The current law has a \$6.00 per capita for cities under 2500.



Minnesota Association of Small Cities

The Minnesota Association of Small Cities is an organization whose purpose is to stimulate the communication among small cities and to facilitate an interchange of ideas among these communities.

The MAOSC is dedicated to and supported by Minnesota cities of 5,000 people or less. The MAOSC provides a network of member cities that communicates and advocates for enhancing the quality of life that will keep our small cities thriving.

MAOSC's emphasis is on "small city" needs and inequities. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in our small cities through advocacy, networking and collaboration.



MAOSC provides information that helps small cities develop strong growing communities.

Through our newsletters, annual seminars, meetings with legislators and our continued interaction at the Minnesota State Legislature, our voice is heard.

We bring to the state capitol a coalition of over 350 small cities to bring attention to the concerns of the small cities. Issues like LGA, wastewater treatment facilities, transportation funding, affordable housing, annexation and environmental issues and other small city unique needs.

Join us today and become one of those voices. Your participation is vital to the continued growth of our small cities the "backbone" of Minnesota and the values we represent.

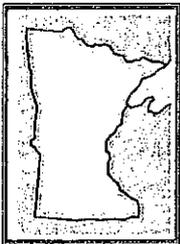
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The Minnesota Association of Small Cities is governed by a 12-member board of directors. Ten board members represent specific regions of Minnesota and two serve at large.

The MAOSC is represented at the Minnesota State Capitol by our legislative team who monitor and lobby our issues, meet with legislators and administrates our association.

We understand the importance that our voices be heard at the state capitol. We know that building strong relationships with our elected officials is key to preserving our rural communities. You can help be a part of our voice by joining the Minnesota Association of Small Cities.

For a yearly fee, your membership will include:

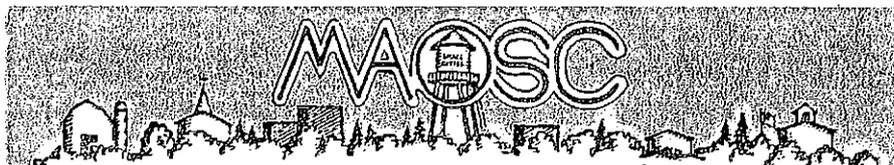


- participation in the annual board meetings
- updates on MAOSC issues during the legislative session
- representation at the state capitol by our legislative team
- participation in legislative forums
- legislative end of session summary
- 4 newsletters a year about small city issues

We all share the same goals of keeping our small cities a great place to live. Join the MAOSC now to help our communities meet the new challenges we face each day. Help us find new solutions to those challenges so that our homes, families, businesses and recreational areas will remain strong and vital to the well-being of Minnesota.

For more information about how you can become a member, please call or email:

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Rena Weber

From: Jeffrey S. Hagen [jshagen@clearwire.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2008 12:27 PM
To: Rena Weber
Cc: Randy Volkmuth; Susan Palmer; Jim Pflipsen
Subject: assessment policy; secession costs

Hi Rena....as i suspected was going to happen, it is my understanding that the council did not stand by their commitment to carry through with the "meat" of their original assessment policy.

talk about fall-out for the citythis will subject all future material council decisions to demands for citizen review committees and leave the council with virtually no authority for decisions of any material impact.

Doesn't anyone on the council realize the major reason the city is in such a mess and why we have the majority of people wanting to "unwind" the entire consolidation is because every council since consolidation has allowed small factions of the city to drive major policy and spending decisions that obviously impact the entire city??!! And the results have not been in the best interests of the entire city??

As a taxpaying citizen of this city, I believe I have the right to request the following:

1. I would like an accounting of all of the expenses...staff, consultants, council, planning commission...etc. spent on the assessment policy...separating what has been spent by this citizen committee. If there are any additional expenses expected to implement what has now been approved by the city, I would like to see an estimate of that additional cost.
2. I would like to see what the council has budgeted for fighting the secession of the 6 sections of the city-again "all-in" expenses..staff, council, pc, consultants (and consultants include the attorney and engineer, obviously).
3. I would like to see where the council is taking that money for fighting this secession from.
4. I would like to have made public a monthly accounting of the expenditures the city has made in fighting this secession.
5. I would like to see an accounting of where the city is, budget-wise, through May 31, 2008, relative to the budget that was set by this council in 2007 for fiscal year 2008. If there are apparent increase in expenditures for the remainder of 2008 as a result of actions taken by the council thus far in 2008, a projection of what is expected through 12/31/08; effectively a projection of revenues versus expenses...and this needs to be just major revenue and expense categories...do not need the massive detail that julie typically generates for the budgeting process.

I would request that you use this email as my formal request for this information from the council and staff.

I also request that this information be made a part of a council meeting and the information made public and available to all citizens.

Please let me know if any of my requests cannot or will not be met.

Thank you

Jeff Hagen

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ASSESSMENT POLICY DOCUMENTATION

4/30/2008

Costs associated with Assessment Policy Committee-Round 1 Costs with City Council

<u>Date of bill</u>	<u>Inv #</u>	<u>Legal</u>
2006		None
3/7/2007	111042	808.00
4/11/2007	112503	937.00
5/9/2007	113871	3,055.50
6/12/2007	115255	2,779.50
7/9/2007	116363	39.00
8/13/2007	117938	1,310.00
9/11/2007	119189	1,248.00
11/9/2007	122098	351.00
12/19/2007	122739	52.00
Total		10,580.00

<u>Date of bill</u>	<u>Inv #</u>	<u>Engineering</u>
2006		None
2/11/2007	157387	610.17
3/13/2007	158862	2,397.34
4/9/2007	159839	247.92
5/10/2007	161517	2,216.17
6/12/2007	162802	228.67
8/13/2007	165554	119.67
9/13/2007	167142	327.00
11/12/2007	170078	174.17
Total		6,321.11

<u>Mtg Date</u>	<u>Council/Staff</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2/13/2007	8	200.00
2/20/2007	8	200.00
2/27/2007	6	150.00
3/27/2007	9	225.00
4/3/2007	10	250.00
5/2/2007	10	250.00
5/9/2007	9	225.00
7/17/2007	9	225.00
10/30/2007	7	175.00
		1,900.00

Total of all costs 18,801.11

ASSESSMENT POLICY DOCUMENTATION

6/26/2008

Costs associated with Assessment Policy **Sub Committee**

<u>Date bill pd</u>	<u>Inv date</u>	<u>Inv #</u>	<u>Legal</u>
1/16/2008	1/10/2008	124953	715.00
2/20/2008	2/12/2008	126458	608.00
5/21/2008	5/13/2008	130686	288.00
7/2/2008	6/9/2008	131961	464.00
Total			2,075.00

<u>Date bill pd</u>		<u>Inv #</u>	<u>Engineering</u>
2/6/2008	1/12/2008	172689	163.50
4/16/2008	3/17/2008	200490	1,650.22
6/4/2008	5/16/2008	202898	291.11
Total			2,104.83

Staff Costs

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>\$ Amt</u>
12/17/2007	VA/BH	50.00
1/7/2008	VA/BH	50.00
1/23/2008	VA/BH	50.00
2/13/2008	VA/BH	50.00
2/27/2008	VA/BH	50.00
3/13/2008	VA/BH/CA	76.56
3/26/2008	VA/BH	50.00
4/9/2008	VA/BH/CA	64.49
4/30/2008	VA/BH	50.00
Total		491.05
Grand Total		4,670.88

Assessment Policy documentation. Assess pol Doc. Acctg

(Sub-Committee tab)

Detachment Issue with Maine Prairie Township-Costs

6/26/2008

Vendor	Inv Date	Amount	Comments	Detachment Mtgs	# Members/Staff Present @ \$25
Rinke Noonan	12/4/2007	No charge	Legal	3/12/2008	6
Rinke Noonan	2/12/2008	176.00	Legal	3/31/2008	6
Rinke Noonan	3/10/2008	1,054.50	Legal	4/16/2008	7
S EH Engineers	3/17/2008	272.50	Road Analysis	4/30/2008	200
Rinke Noonan	4/10/2008	1,017.50	Legal		175
S EH Engineers	4/18/2008	283.61	Road Analysis, Attend Mtg		(R Hansen wage incl)
Rinke Noonan	5/13/2008	980.50	Legal		(R Hansen wage incl)
S EH Engineers	5/16/2008	140.00	Detach Mtg of 4/30/08		
Rinke Noonan	6/9/2008	425.50	Legal		
Total expense to date		4,350.11			675.00

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