

# COUNCIL'S CORNER



## September 21, 2020: City Council Actions & Updates

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### 2020 General Election Update

**In-Person Absentee Voting:** Absentee voting for the 2020 General Election began= September 18, 2020 from 8:00am-4:00pm at City Hall. In-person absentee voting hours will be Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm with the following exceptions:

- Saturday October 31, 2020-City Offices are open extended hours from 10:00am-3:00pm for the purpose of in person absentee voting
- Monday November 2, 2020- City Offices are open extended hours from 8:00am-5:00pm for the purpose of in person absentee voting.

**Reminder to early voters:** Hennepin County has sent out their largest mail out ever, so please remember if you've requested an absentee ballot already, be patient, it will arrive. Coming to vote early in person when you've already requested a mail-in ballot adds extra steps and extra time to the process. Please be patient with the election judges and staff.

**General Election:** The 2020 General Election is Tuesday November 3, 2020 from 7:00am- 8:00pm at your polling locations. To find your polling location [click here](#).

Visit the City's [Elections Page](#) for more information.

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character, while effectively managing growth.

### Project and Construction Actions and Updates

**2021 Street Improvement Project:** At the August 17th City Council meeting, the 2021 street improvement project was discussed, and Council requested that staff bring back information for further discussion. Staff recommended improvements on Hardscrabble Circle, Hardscrabble Drive N, Loring Drive, Stonebridge Road, and Minneapolis Avenue. Council approved the professional services agreement for the 2021 Street Improvement Project and authorized preliminary design, preparation of feasibility report, plans, specifications, and bidding.

**MSA Sunnyfield Improvement Project:** Throughout the past year, the City Council has discussed having a street improvements on Sunnyfield Road in 2021. Staff recommended that the 2021 MSA Street Improvement Project include the reclamation of Sunnyfield Road from the western edge of the school district to Marina Drive, and a mill and overlay from Marina Drive to Langewood Drive. The Council approved professional services for the 2021 MSA Street Improvement Project and authorized preliminary design, preparation of feasibility report, plan, specifications, and bidding.

### Contact Your Council:

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### 2020 Upcoming Dates

**October 27-November 2:** Direct balloting for the 2020 General Election at City Hall

**October 31:** City offices open from 10:00-3:00PM for in-person absentee voting

**November 2:** City offices open from 8:00-5:00PM for in-person absentee voting

**November 3:** 2020 General Election

**November 11:** City Offices closed- Veteran's Day Holiday

**November 26 & 27:** City Offices closed- Thanksgiving Holidays

**December 24 & 25:** City Offices closed- Christmas Holidays

### New face at City Hall

The City would like to welcome Darci Atkinson as the Customer Service and Communications Assistant!

Darci's employment was approved by the City Council at the September 21st meeting.

Darci will be handling customer inquiries, both in person and on the telephone, and also be handling building inspection scheduling.

### Mayor Whalen's Blog

Beginning in 2020, Mayor Whalen introduced the [Mayor's Blog](#) in an effort to increase communication between the City and its residents. She blogs about City issues that the Council have discussed and issues that may be of interest to you. To keep up to date on her blogs, please visit the City's website.

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