

City Scene



2024 UTILITY RATES

ELECTRIC—\$0.01/kwh Increase

\$16.00 Fixed

\$0.1025/kwh—126-1000 kwh

\$0.0950/kwh— Over 1000 kwh

WATER—No Change

\$28.35 Fixed—0-2000 Gallons

\$7.83 per 1,000 gallons thereafter

SEWER— No Change

Residential: \$27.25 per Month

Industrial: \$50.00 per Month

REFUSE—No Change

Residential: \$22.75 per Month

Senior: \$21.75 per Month

CI FEE—No Change

\$4.00 Per Month

Mosquito Fee—No Change

\$6.50 per Spray

Newfolden Utility Rates in 2024

The Newfolden City Council is committed to maintaining stable utility rates, service fees, and property taxes whenever it is possible. Annually, the council reviews goals and related expenses and then prioritizes these against all predictable revenue streams.

The council voted to increase the electric utility by .01 cents per kilowatt hour. This small increase will prepare for future infrastructure expansion and upgrades.

The balance between providing stable service, system upgrades, and planned growth, while maintaining low rates remains one of the council's highest priority.

Newfolden Wellhead Protection Plan is Approved

The City of Newfolden recently received approval for a Wellhead Protection Plan from the Minnesota Department of Health. The goal of Wellhead Protection is to prevent drinking water from becoming polluted by managing possible sources of contamination in the area which supplies water to the city wells. City staff worked closely with the Minnesota Department of Health in verifying the recharge area of the city wells based on geology of the area, groundwater flow, and volume of water pumped. This information has resulted in a map developed which identifies the recharge area and the protection area of the city wells.

The city will be doing a variety of on-going education and outreach efforts in the community as part of implementing the Wellhead Protection Plan. An additional goal identified in the plan is to promote land use practices that will help protect the area's water supply and request support of these efforts.

If you would like more information about wellhead protection, please contact the Newfolden city office.

DIGI-BUCKS in Newfolden!

A holiday reminder that Digi-Bucks are accepted at all Newfolden retailers.

You can use your Digi-Bucks to support Newfolden businesses!

Happy Holidays and remember:

KEEP IT LOCAL!



*Wishing You
Peace, Cheer and many
Blessings in the New Year!*



December 1, Ron Kragness Day, was proclaimed by Mayor Lori Warne in honor of the decades of service Ron dedicated to the Newfolden Community! Ron has retired his grill and passed on his legacy to new owners: Tim and Dawn Maurstad. Wishing Ron a “Happy Retirement” and a extending a “Warm Welcome” to Tim and Dawn!!

City of Newfolden
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we wish to express special recognition to Ron Kragness and to honor him for his distinguished forty-four year career as the owner of the Hobo Haus and leader, influencer, and supporter of the Community of Newfolden; and

WHEREAS, Ron began his career as the owner of the little Hobo Haus in January 1979, opened the big Hobo Haus in September 1980, was instrumental in getting the liquor license passed in the fall of 1998, opened the kitchen in 1998, and began to serve liquor in February 1999, currently representing one of the longest held liquor licenses in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Ron served as Mayor of Newfolden from 1992 through 1998 and was instrumental in getting the streets paved in Newfolden; and

WHEREAS, Ron was a strong supporter of the MCC School District, particularly the athletic teams, and was a strong supporter of other local businesses in Newfolden; and

WHEREAS, Ron will be missed both professionally and as a friend, and has exemplified the highest example of character, ethics, morals, and unselfish service in the community of Newfolden and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the entire Newfolden City Council, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Ron for his dedication to the City of Newfolden and wish him much happiness as he begins this exciting new chapter in his life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Lori Warne, Mayor of Newfolden, MN, do hereby proclaim December 1 as:

Ron Kragness Day

In the City of Newfolden, and urge all citizens to join me on congratulating Ron on an outstanding career as the business owner of the Hobo Haus Bar and Grill, and to extend to Ron and Julie our best wishes of happiness and good health in the future.

Proclaimed this 1st day of December, 2023

Lori Warne
Lori Warne, Mayor


