



*City of Mountain Lake &
Mountain Lake Municipal
Utilities Newsletter
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Daylight Saving Time
starts on March 10.



Make sure to turn your
clocks ahead 1 hour!

Mountain Lake Community
Center

Planning an event this year? The Mountain Lake Community Center is available to rent and takes reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis. Rental cost is \$150 for the whole day and damage deposit is \$150 (returned if everything is returned as you found it). Visit our website to view pictures, current information, and how to make a reservation.

The community center bathrooms are currently being remodeled, and will be closed during construction.



Mountain Lake Economic Development Authority

Meet the team:

Rod Hamilton, EDA Director started with the team November 14th, 2022.

Tabitha Garloff, EDA Assistant Director has been with the team since 2017.

EDA Board Members and Advisory Members are:

Jerry Haberman

Darla Kruser

Mike Nelson

Mitchell Schroeder

Steve Syverson

Eileen Augustin

Phil Skow

Clara Johnson and Vern Peterson, Advisory



Thanks to the proactive nature of the EDA Board and City Council and their forward thinking of investing in the commercial park and Lakeview Estates. There are local entrepreneurs interested in developing these areas. The EDA team is aggressively working to bring these projects to fruition. If you're interested in investing in our community and want to be part of a local investment group, please let us know! We will provide updates as they materialize. The EDA will continue to provide regular updates in this newsletter.

Mountain Lake, "The Next Big Thing"

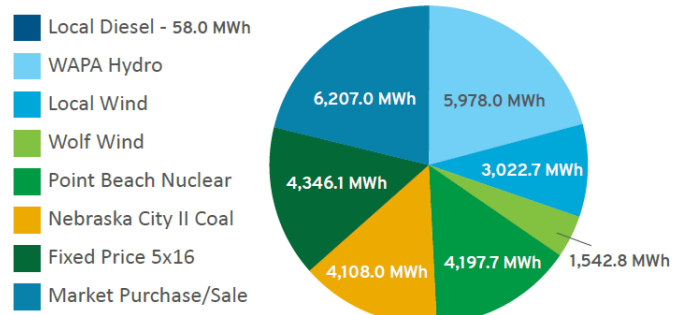
Mountain Lake's New Power Plant

Mountain Lake's tribute to its public power heritage is strongly apparent in the photos that line the walls as you walk through its power plant. In fact, in the late 1920's when the citizens voted to form a public power utility, the area investor owned utility (IOU) contested the election and took the city to court. Ultimately, the Minnesota Supreme Court upheld the lower court opinion "that the election was hotly contested, but fairly conducted. And the results should be left in force." And so, public power was born in Mountain Lake. Mountain Lake is a transmission owner utility and has transmission assets.

Mountain Lake will be building a new power plant, however, the new diesel generators won't be arriving until first quarter of 2026. The estimated completion of our new power plant is summer of 2026.

The next newsletter will discuss about capacity and why we plan to build a new facility, more to come.

Mountain Lake Energy (MWh)



CITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKE BUILDING PERMITS

What's a building permit?

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawing and specifications.

What good does a permit do?

Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by the city or the state, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. Your permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety, and welfare. By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends, or future owners.

When do I need a permit?

Permits are required for:

- ⇒ Shingling and roofing
- ⇒ Siding
- ⇒ New house
- ⇒ Any new additions
- ⇒ Egress windows
- ⇒ Fences
- ⇒ Decks
- ⇒ Mechanical items (furnace, air conditioner, rooftop unit, fire place, etc.)
- ⇒ Plumbing items (adding new fixtures or changing piping)
- ⇒ Attached or detached garages
- ⇒ All commercial work
- ⇒ Moving buildings onto property lot (house, shed, garage, etc.)
- ⇒ Any exterior structural change to a building including changing door or window size or location
- ⇒ Any interior remodeling that includes moving walls, sheetrock, insulation, plumbing, finishing basements (tiling or water proofing), etc.
- ⇒ Storage sheds or buildings 200 square feet or larger (under 200 sq feet only requires a zoning permit)

How do I begin the permit process?

Permit documents can be picked up at City Hall or viewed on the city's website. Return the permit and any other required documents to City Hall. Once approved by city staff and the city's building inspector, work can begin. Please call City Hall or the building inspector directly to schedule needed inspections or a final inspection. If a project is not inspected, the permit remains open leading to potential hazards, unsafe construction, or potential property insurer issues. Beginning a project without a valid permit could lead to a fine twice the permit cost. For any questions, please contact the city administrator at 507-427-2999 x1.

