

City of Wabasha 2025 Accomplishments

January 6, 2025

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City Council Meeting



2025 Public Works/Utilities Major Projects

- Major street project for most deteriorated streets (Skyline Drive, Buena Vista, 4th street west (maiden), 3rd street west (Shields and Cratte Ave Washington Ave (Market Street and Hiawatha Drive), 11th Street East (Broadway and Pierce)
- Completed new patching and surfacing project at 7th Street West, Shields Ave, Campbell Ave, 3rd Street West, City Hall parking lot
- Fixed fencing at Heritage Park
- Demolition of old athletic field facilities
- Added EV Charger and Downtown Wayfinding Signage
- Touch a Truck Event, City-Wide Clean Up, High School Wastewater Treatment Plant Tours
- Jetting
- Wastewater Treatment Plant is in compliance, new requirements
- Snow and ice event response
- Planted 30 trees

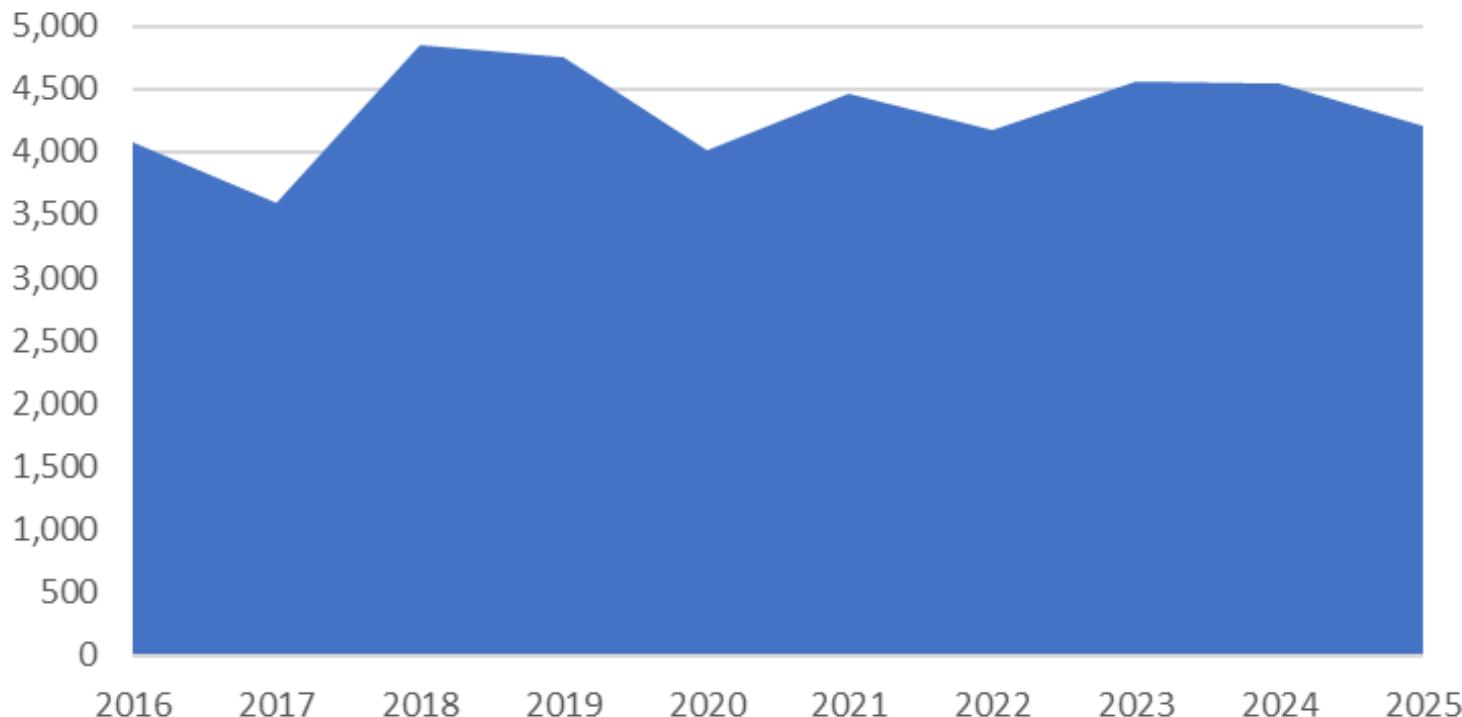


2025 Emergency Management

- Added new bike path lighting and fixed path
- Relocated new Skate Park
- Added rip rap to prevent future erosion along river
- Moved Malone playground out of flood zone and moved to Eagles Basin
- Riley Costello won Emergency Manager of the Year (Association of Minnesota Emergency Managers (AMEM))
- Received \$297,956 for flooding mitigation projects



Police Calls for Service



- 4206 calls for service, 88 misdemeanors, 23 gross misdemeanors, and 68 felonies charged this year.
- 16 search warrants performed this year- theft, drugs, child pornography, financial exploitation of a vulnerable adults, solicitation of a minor, DWO.



2025 Police Case Spotlights

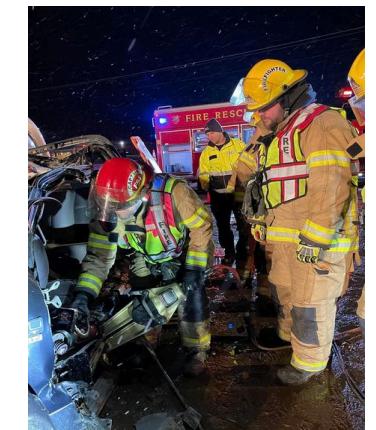
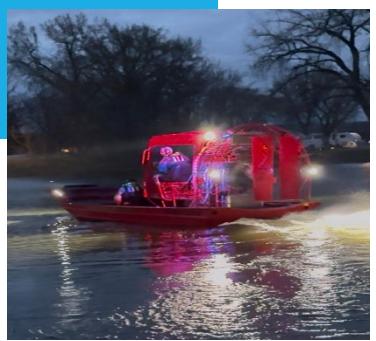


- Secured conviction for a Wabasha man who possessed child sexual abuse materials.
- A straightforward workplace theft investigation escalated into a major criminal case, including multiple controlled substances, stolen firearms, and receiving stolen property.
- Community tips, overnight surveillance, led to multiple felony drug charges.

***Proactive Policing
Community cooperation
Investigative work***

2025 Fire Department

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48%



2025 Ambulance

- Responded to 1,016 calls for service. + **97 calls**
- Finished with 602 - 911 Calls an **increase of 10% over 2024**
- We took 170 Transfers- an **Increase of 43% over 2024**
- We had 121 Back up Calls (2 calls at the same time) an **increase of 78% over 2024**
- Billing Revenue is up **20% since last year**
- Exceeded budgeted revenue targets, piloted paramedics in ER with St. Elizabeth's
- 15 CPR Classes delivered- 107 people
- Delivered EMT course with 4 participants. (One has already passed their test and is working as an EMT for us)
- Second full-year of ALS. 186 pre-hospital ALS medications, 54 ALS infusions on transfers.
- 22 Paid-On Call, 8 full/part-time staff cover 17,520 hours
- Our dedicated Crew did 720.75 of training hours
- All townships contributed to the ambulance service



11%
calls

20%
revenues





2025 Library

- Highlights of the year include: many children and adult programs, started the final mural in the Main Library - "Feathered Horizons"
- 29,138 visits to the library in 2025
- 1,035 public computer sessions
- 3,535 wireless sessions
- 41,561 physical media circulation and 4,991 ebooks/eaudio
- 172 programs with attendance of 4,991 for both adults, youth, and children  13%
- \$12,500 in grants toward programs



“Our instructor was exceptional with helping our daughter get over her fear of water!”

“No place I would rather spend my Wednesday evenings!” (water aerobics)



- 2,030 paid visitors, 247 students using the free pass program
- Delivered over 273 swim lessons
- Water aerobics- more sessions offered, very popular
- Recalked pool, repaired leaks, implemented Department of Health Inspection recommendations



2025 City and Port Authority Highlights

- Revised Nuisance Code and began work on short term rental regulations
- Engaged with the community- two open houses, one online survey, 9 press releases, and highlighted outstanding employees
- Façade Improvement Grant Program distributed over \$18,000 in grants to five businesses for improvements to the exterior of their buildings.
- Successfully managed \$888,304 in federal and state grants. Secured new \$750,000 toward new barge terminal road.
- WATCH launched Livability website and ran photo contest-
<https://www.wabasha.org/livability/>
- Port Authority generated \$307,423 in net income through Section 217d Army Corps Partnership.
- Collected \$392,000 in permits, lodging tax, leases, fees.
- Received \$75,000 contribution from WNB Financial for Athletic Field.
- Provided funding to Chamber, Wabasha Main Street, Falcon Youth Baseball, and for bus transit
- Engineering work began for Highway 60 Project
- Made underutilized city land available for sale



2025 Building Permits Issued



■ Single Family Homes ■ Twin Homes ■ Townhomes

- 125 flat fee permits (due to storm damages, re-roofs)
- 29 valuation permits with total valuation of \$14,337,000 (W-K renovation)
- \$1,094,000 (California Overland Truck Wash)
- 6 new single-family homes permitted, 6 new single-family homes for sale!



What a year! Thank you Wabasha City Council and Wabasha City Staff.



Thank you to all the City staff on a great year and for your efforts to put together the budget. Thank you to our Wabasha City Council for their support and thoughtful input.