
Agenda Item

MN Association of Small Cities Board

Meeting Date

July 14, 2026

Prepared By

Leaha M. Jackson, City Administrator

Background

I was asked to consider sitting on the board of directors of the MN Association of Small Cities for Region 5. This region covers Aitkin, Carlton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine Counties. This is a position I would be willing to take as long as the Council supports it. There are typically four regular meetings and one annual meeting.

The MN Small Cities (MAOSC) organization is governed by an elected Board of Directors representing appointed and elected officials from member cities. The board is comprised of 12 regional directors and four at-large directors from all across the state of Minnesota and meets regularly throughout the year to develop policy and provide direction to MAOSC staff.

The Board's primary function is to work with the Executive Director to develop legislative policies, based on feedback from our member cities. Broadly speaking, priority concerns for our member cities include LGA, water treatment utilities, transportation funding, workforce housing, annexation, child care, economic development, broadband access, unfunded mandates, and other issues unique to small cities.

Board goals include increasing awareness of small city needs to the governor and his administration, with MN legislators and their leaders, and to our congressional delegation. We accomplish this through education, communication, and visibility at the MN Capitol and in Washington DC, because we all share the same goal of working hard to keep our small cities and rural communities great places to live, work and play!

Recommended Action

Consider supporting City Administrator Leaha Jackson's submittal for a board of directors position with the MN Association of Small Cities, if offered.

Council Action: Motion by: _____ Second by: _____

Motion to:

Voted in Favor: _____ Voted Against: _____

Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Tabled: _____ No Action: _____