



The City of Fairmont, Minnesota is seeking a Water Operations Supervisor

The Community

The City of Fairmont, a regional center of over 10,000 in the heart of southern Minnesota, takes pride in its beautiful chain of lakes. Known as the *City of Lakes*, Fairmont provides an array of recreation, educational, and health care services that support a regional service area population of over 45,000. Serving as the county seat for Martin County, known as *Bacon Capital USA*, Fairmont is centrally located along I-90 and State Highway 15.

The City's five tranquil lakes provide a valuable community resource and afford residents and visitors alike with recreational areas for swimming, pleasure boating, water skiing, and fishing. Other attractions include the Fairmont Aquatic Park and a variety of public and private 18-hole golf courses. The Red Rock Center for the Arts and the Fairmont Opera House are popular venues for artistic endeavors and enrichment.

A full array of K-12 educational service is available from the Fairmont Area School District and from private religious-based schools. The Fairmont Area School District is a leader in providing trades-education and post-secondary educational offerings, while offering a variety of athletic programs and extracurricular activities.

Mayo Clinic Health Systems-Fairmont campus has been meeting the medical needs of Fairmont and the surrounding community for more than 20 years, offering in-patient and out-patient care, a hospital, an eye clinic, 24-hour emergency room services as well as other specialized programs. Other providers include; the Center for Specialty Care, Dulcimer Medical Center, and the United Hospital District. Lakeview Methodist Health Services provides 24-hour skilled nursing care for short or long-term stays, assisted living, and memory care facilities and services.

Fairmont's economy consists of large and small industry and commerce. Major employers includes: CHS, 3M, Fairmont Foods, Mayo Clinic Health Systems-Fairmont Campus, Avery Weigh-Tronix, Hy-Vee, Walmart, Green Plains, and REM Heartland. Fairmont is positioned for continued growth with site available with immediate interstate access.



The Organization

The City of Fairmont is a home rule charter city with a Council-Administrator form of government. The Council is comprised of six elected officials who govern issues related to the City of Fairmont.

Fairmont is a full service city with 89 full-time and 117 part-time employees. The City maintains 75 miles of streets, 29 parks, 6 miles of trails, and over 400 acres of green space; and a regional airport with instrument landing, a 5,500 foot runway and 24-hour fuel service.

Water Department

The City operates water utilities serving its 10,487 residents and commercial customers. The customer base consists of approximately 4,977 residential, 834 commercial, and 17 industrial users with a budget of \$3.9 million set for 2022.

Nearby Budd Lake is the City's water supply source. In 2013, the City completed construction of a \$30 million state-of-the-art water treatment facility with a capacity of 5.4MGD. The plant features two solids-contact softening basins, two recarbonation basins, two lime sludge holding basins, two filter press for lime sludge dewatering, four 1.8 MGD conventional filters, four 1.8 MGD granular activated carbon adsorption filters for taste and odor, an on-site sodium hypochlorite generation systems for disinfection, chemical storage/feed systems, and a 590,000 gallon clearwell with three high-service pumps. Treated water is stored in three elevated and two ground storage tanks.

The City maintains 83 miles of watermain within its distribution system. The water plant and distribution department consists of 10 employees; including an operations supervisor, four operators, one relief operator, one distribution foreman, and three mechanics. The water plant is staffed 24-hours a day and also serves as the City's after-hours emergency call center.



The Position

The Water Operations Supervisor is a non-union position under the general direction of the Water/Wastewater Superintendent. This position is responsible for the 24-hour operation of the facility and oversight of the operators and inside mechanic. Daily tasks include plant operations, regulatory compliance assurance and lab testing, in-service training of personnel, and customer service. The Water Operations Supervisor is also responsible for setting quality standards for work, monitoring safety conditions, and inspecting and reviewing the work of assigned personnel.

Qualifications and Experience

Qualifications for this position require a minimum of a two-year degree in Water Treatment and Operations; Chemistry; Biological Sciences; or an equivalent field, and at least two years of water plant operations at a Class C or higher classified facility. This position requires a current State of Minnesota Class A Water Operator License or the ability to obtain one within four years. Qualified candidates must demonstrate strong communication, listening, and interpersonal skills; experience working with regulatory agencies; supervising employees; and building effective work teams.

Professional Opportunities

- Continuation of "Source Water Quality" efforts, including; completion, operation, and data logging of Temp Enhanced Bioreactor
- Sustain Minnesota Department of Health Advanced Surface Water Treatment Training location site
- Implementation of Asset Management Program
- Partnerships with EPIC to develop a Lead Service Line Inventory working towards compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule
- City of Fairmont representation in professional settings and organizations



Compensation and Benefits

The hiring range for this position is \$65,336 - \$80,060 dependent on qualifications and experience. The City of Fairmont offers a competitive benefits program including health and dental insurance and participate in the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA).

Application and Selection Process

Qualified candidates, please submit your application, cover letter, and resume to Darcy Jones at djones@fairmont.org or mail to:

City of Fairmont
Attn: Darcy Jones
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Applications are accepted until the position is filled. For more information, contact Darcy Jones at djones@fairmont.org or 507-238-3933.



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