

The City of McCook, NE is seeking applications for a Utilities Director to oversee the operation of the drinking water and wastewater departments for the community of 7,800 people with 3,500 service connections. McCook is located in the southwest corner of Nebraska halfway between Omaha and Denver. The City withdraws approximately 785,000,000 gallons of water annually from the alluvial aquifer of the Republican River. Source water is treated using Cation and Anion Exchange to soften and remove arsenic, nitrate and uranium. The city operates a class 1 deep earth injection well to dispose of the contaminants removed from the source water. The municipal sewage treatment plant treats 218,000,000 gallons annually using grit washing, primary clarifiers, Rotating Biological Contactors, final clarifiers, sludge digestion and land application of sludge.

The ideal candidate will be an experienced administrator, skilled at supervising the current staff of 12 employees, planning and completing capital projects for water and wastewater. The utility director is responsible for creating and overseeing an annual budget in excess of 2 million dollars.

An engineering study is underway to determine long range improvements to the wastewater plant along with several water main projects. The director will take the lead and shepherd all billing, rate changes along with loans, grants and financing associated with current and future capital projects. Experience with SRF Loans and revenue bonds is beneficial.

The Utility Director needs the ability to communicate effectively using verbal and written skills with the communities elected officials, executive leadership, the general public and state and federal officials.

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in a related field OR experience in water and wastewater administration that includes knowledge of plant operation, laboratory analysis, project documents (blueprints), compliance with state/federal regulations, oversight of capital projects and rate setting. Water and Wastewater operator licenses are not required at the time of hire, but may be required upon employment with the City.

Salary range: \$70,547-\$94,827. Paid vacation, sick leave and holidays. Excellent medical, dental, and life insurance benefits and employer match pension plan. Applicants will need to pass a pre-employment drug screening. [Applications/resumes](mailto:apply@cityofmccook.com) will be accepted online at [apply@cityofmccook.com](mailto:apply@cityofmccook.com) or at the McCook City Office, 505 West C Street, McCook, NE. First review of applications is March 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.. Open until filled. All positions of employment with the City of McCook are subject to a Veterans' Preference. EOE/AEE.