## Welcome to the City of Spicer

The City of Spicer is located on Green Lake in West Central Minnesota that has a population of approximately 1,150 residents. Spicer is placed on 1.14 square miles of land and 0.01 square miles of water and currently has 527 households. Green Lake is central to Spicer's identity and economy, but much of it lies outside our city limits. Spicer does not capture the tax base from seasonal and recreational properties around the lake, yet our infrastructure still bears the burden of that activity.

Every summer, our population surges with visitors and seasonal residents. This boosts local businesses but strains our roads, water, and sewer systems. Permanent residents are left to carry the cost, even as those costs continue to rise.

Our current local government aid doesn't meet the infrastructure needs of our growing community, especially for essential projects like replacing our lift stations. Without proactive investment, we face serious risks to public health and the environment.

If our lift station fails, the impact could be severe—sewage backups, contamination of Green Lake, and health hazards. We cannot afford to wait for that to happen.

A new lift station is more than a fix—it's an investment in public safety, environmental protection, and long-term growth. It shows we're planning wisely for our residents and the many who enjoy Spicer each year.

Over the next five years, we expect 100 new homes within city limits and potential development of 32 acres on County Road 8. That substantial growth will increase demand from an already stretched system.

We need infrastructure that's built for the future. A new lift station will help protect Spicer's quality of life and support responsible development.

The pandemic has been especially hard on rural Minnesota communities for businesses, economic development and employment. Our current financial situation prohibits our community from being able to fund this project.

This 2.1-million-dollar grant would fund a new lift station that is currently on private property. Now is the time to act—before failure forces our hand. With your support, we can ensure Spicer grows safely and sustainably.

