

Mike Suntken

La Crosse, WI 54601

SUMMARY

Innovative, adaptable and detailed oriented problem solver with more than two decades of experience in the building inspection, building construction and design/drafting industries. Proven ability to multi-task and produce quality products through collaboration, organization, hard work and efficient communication with customers and colleagues. Responsible, motivated and confident team player willing to take on any challenge. Looking for a Building/Housing Inspector position with the City of La Crosse which leverages my experience in residential and commercial building inspection, plan review and building code interpretation along with my many years of hands-on construction experience and leadership capabilities.

EXPERIENCE

City of Winona, Minnesota

April 2020 – present

Building Inspector

As a Building Inspector with the City of Winona I perform a wide variety of tasks on a daily basis including commercial and residential plan review; communicating effectively and pragmatically with homeowners, architects, engineers, and colleagues; conducting field inspections of projects ranging from new commercial buildings and commercial alterations to new residential buildings, additions, decks, and other residential alterations; conducting inspections to certify new rental housing units and inspections to re-certify existing ones; field inspections or plan review for a variety of other small commercial and residential projects; enforce the city's nuisance ordinance by addressing complaints related to building condition, snow removal, grass, garbage, and junk vehicles throughout the city. Some of the significant accomplishments I've completed to date are:

- Implementing the use of an electronic scheduling calendar in the inspections department to take the place of a paper system.
- Taught classes on braced wall panel construction to members of our inspections team.
- Updated the City of Winona's Rental Housing Ordinance to include changes or amendments to the referenced codes.
- Updated the Inspection Departments garage and deck handouts to reference current code as well as making them more informative and useful to homeowners and contractors.
- Obtained my MN Building Inspector – Limited and MN Building Official Certifications as well as four credentials from the ICC within 10 months of hire.

In addition, I've taken many continuing education classes, informative webinars and accredited tests to improve my knowledge base and assist in my goal of becoming the best inspector and leader I can be for the community.

SunConstruction, LLC

April 2007 – April 2020

Owner/Manager

SunConstruction is a residential construction firm focused on home remodeling. We enjoy the challenge of using new techniques and products, while also coming up with innovative ideas and techniques to restore a home or building to its original beauty. We are dedicated to quality of workmanship and customer service, both of which have driven the growth of business. My role begins with meeting with potential clients to discuss their projects in detail, give suggestions for design and get a feel for what they are looking for so I am able to provide them with an accurate and inclusive estimate. I then work to schedule, supervise and collaborate with sub-contractors, material suppliers and other vendors that will be used on the project. Organize and follow an effective and efficient time/work schedule that includes all involved parties. Inspect work as it is progressing and after it is complete to ensure job quality remains on par, all plans and specs are being interpreted correctly, and all building codes are being followed. Invoice clients and pay subcontractors and suppliers. Complete job cost worksheets for each job to see if there is room for improvement on the next job.

Fountain City, Wisconsin is a small town of approximately 850 people nestled between the bluffs and the Mississippi River in Buffalo County. The small population, limited space to expand and aging infrastructure were all challenges that needed to be addressed by the Common Council. As an active member of the Council I was able to utilize my communication and organizational skills to contribute to and have a positive impact on the community now and into the future.

Significant Accomplishments Include:

- Chairperson of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Planning Committee – Organized and led the research to determine the best course of action in addressing the existing treatment plant. Conducted interviews with multiple engineering firms and presented project projections; from material and equipment budget and end user rate impacts.
- Council President – Elected by my peers and worked on a Councilperson handbook that would give newly elected Council members an overview of the Council and its various Committees as well as outlining the processes and techniques necessary to organize and conduct meetings effectively and efficiently.
- Chairperson of the Planning/Zoning/Economic Development Committee – Received, reviewed and addressed citizen requests for zoning changes. Amended and created ordinances. Worked as the City’s Building inspector to review plans, determine feasibility and issue permits.

Hubbs Construction
Lead Carpenter

July 2002 – April 2007
White Bear Lake, MN

Hubbs Construction Inc. is a privately held general contractor established in 1994 that provides new residential construction and remodeling services to clients in and around the Twin Cities metro area. As a Lead Carpenter, I managed subcontractors and other employees on projects valued up to and exceeding \$1M while completing a wide variety of necessary construction tasks. Responsible for studying specifications in blueprints, sketches, or building plans to prepare project layout and determine dimensions and materials required.

Strongwell
CAD Draftsperson

September 1998 – July 2002
Chatfield, MN

Strongwell is the world’s largest pultrusion company and the recognized leader in the pultrusion industry. As a CAD Draftsperson I was responsible for operating computer-aided drafting (CAD) equipment using AutoCAD software to produce designs, working drawings, fabrication drawings and material lists. I worked closely with engineers, clients and colleagues to obtain and compile data necessary to complete structural designs, visiting job sites to verify measurements as necessary.

EDUCATION

Minnesota State College Southeast, Winona Campus

May 2000

- Associate of Applied Science: Mechanical Drafting and Design

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION:

- MN State Building Official License holder – 2021
- ICC – Building Inspector Certification
- ICC - Residential Building Inspector Certification
- ICC - Commercial Building Inspector Certification
- ICC - Building Plans Examiner Certification
- Minnesota State Building Inspector – Limited License holder – 2020, '21
- Minnesota State Building Contractor License holder - 2008, '09, '10, '12, '14, '16, '18, '20
- Wisconsin Residential Dwelling Contractor License 2019, '20

