

APRIL 2016 UTILITY BILL INSERT

ALMIRA TOWN HALL -639-2601

MAY ADJUSTED HOURS
May 6th – Friday - Closed
May 10th – Tuesday - Closed
May 30th – Closed – Memorial Day

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There is a \$50 fine if you turn your water on or off at the meter without permission for a Town Official. You MUST call town hall.

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IF YOU HAVE A SPRINKLER SYSTEM YOU MUST HAVE A BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSEMBLY INSTALLED ON IT AND YOU MUST HAVE IT CHECKED YEARLY. IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP YET TO HAVE YOURS CHECKED WHEN THE TOWN HAS THEIRS DONE PLEASE CALL TOWN HALL. WE ARE HOPING FOR A VERY DISCOUNTED RATE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS IF THE INSPECTOR CAN DO MANY IN ONE DAY.

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April Council Meeting: New Councilmember Marvin Clinesmith was sworn in to office. Marvin is filling the seat vacated by Scott Smith.

We had five Boy Scouts in attendance working on a government merit badge.

Commissioner Rob Coffman and Sheriff Wade Magers were present to discuss the matter of supporting an increase in sales and use tax for funding public safety in Lincoln County and its municipalities. They are requesting a Public Safety Sales tax of 3/10th of 1%. The County would get 60% and the Towns would receive 40%. It would be divided between the towns based on population. Estimation is about \$200,000 for the County and between \$6,000 & \$7,000 for the Town of Almira. This money would hopefully fund hiring one or more deputies.

They were requesting the Town's support through approval and us helping encourage the people to vote yes for this increase. They estimate that this tax would cost the average citizen about \$27 year more than they are paying now in sales tax. Sales tax on automobiles is exempt from this tax. 1/3 of what is received must be spent on criminal justice, the county plans to spend the entire amount on criminal justice.

The Annual Report has been completed and submitted.

The recycling bins will be here April 29th and stay until the 6th of May. On Wednesday May 4th Lincoln County will be here to collect hazardous waste from 9 to 11 a.m.

We had our annual evaluation for Risk Management by AWC RMSA.

Brent reported that the trees at 6th and Maple have been removed and the sewer lines cleaned out. AAA Sweeping also cleaned out other lines that were needed. Please remember that you CAN NOT plant trees on city property. If you are in doubt please call to check.

The new Columbarium has been installed at the cemetery and has 48 spots. They are now for sale. They are \$500 each.

The gazebo by the shop is falling apart. Council instructed Brent to go ahead and tear it down as it is a danger if any one actually used it.

The start date for the Main Street Sidewalk Project is Monday, May 2nd, 2016.

Please be patient during the course of the project!!!!

Andy Ertz got a full time job in Davenport so quit the part time job here. Since it was less than a year since he was hired we could go back to the original applicants without advertising again. Jack Heathman was hired and started work April 4th.

Jeanette attended a class and one day of a conference. (STIP & WMCA) One was free and she received a scholarship for the other one.

Resolution 2016-89, supporting an increase in sales and use tax for funding public safety in Lincoln County and its municipalities was approved by the council.

Twelve water off notices were sent with the March utility bills, three paid in full and the others all made payments.

ALMIRA COMMUNITY CENTER

For rental information and reservations contact Lori McKay at 509-639-2525.

There is a notice on the community center door of rental fees and at Town Hall.

There is a new category of rental. If you are desiring a quiet place to hold a meeting, are a group of 15 or less, not using the kitchen, are not having a money making project, and leave it cleaner than you found it, the charge is \$1 per person.

You must still call Lori for reservations. Wi-Fi is available. We want the Community Center used and we're going to try this out to see how it works.

METERS WILL BE READ ON May 24th, 2016. (Tentatively)

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IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANY ALARMS AT THE SEWER PLANT , RESERVOIR OR WELLS PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS TO REPORT IT!

- 977-1218 – Brent Robertson**
- 639-2221 or 977-1217 – Darrell Francis**
- 641-0942 – Mayor Einar Larson**

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