

September 2017 UTILITY BILL INSERT
ALMIRA TOWN HALL -639-2601

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SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING: Darrell reported that all of the vacant lots in town but one has been mowed and the owner has hired someone to mow it for him. Several residents are still working on their yards. Individual yards on the nuisance list were discussed and determined how to move forward.

UPDATES BY STAFF: Jeanette reported that she had sold 4 columbarium niches in the new columbarium.

We had problems with a pool 2ft deep not putting up a fence and they finally just emptied the water and took the pool down.

The State Auditor's Office sent a letter that their new rates are \$95 per hour.

We had a lengthy Public Records request from American Transparency. When told how long it would take to complete the request and that there would be a \$5 fee they must have decided they didn't want it as they never responded to the return email getting approval for the fee charge.

David Skinner, the junk guy, has picked up the vehicle behind the fire station and is supposed to return tomorrow for another one.

SAM registration was renewed.

We received the USDA Grant and Loan and paid off the backhoe we purchased from Rowland Machinery last year.

Jeanette has started working on the Budget for 2018.

The street light bill with Avista has dropped from the usual \$1100 to \$800. Hopefully this was because of the new lights put in.

Brent reported that the masonry guy that he contacted through Casey Roofing gave a bid of \$2500 for mortar repair work and \$1125 for a chemical wash and to apply breathable water repellent. They could come around the 18th of September. Dennis suggested that Brent go over to Hartline and check on their work at the Hartline Post office. If Brent thought their work was good Council agreed to do both the mortar repair and wash and repellent work.

On Wednesday Russell Mau from the Department of Health was here and conducted our Sanitary Survey. Everything was good.

We received a \$750,000 CDBG grant for Water Improvement!!!! TD & H will be our engineer for the project. Brent would like to add some line work to the project if it is cost effective. It will save us money if we can piggy back with this project.

Darrell had great concern over the musty, bad smell of the building. Brent will call ServiceMaster and have them come check for mold in the attic and the basement.

After eight weeks of no contact Jeanette was finally able to get in touch with Kathleen at Sunset Solar. She said she is still waiting on parts from her suppliers before she can complete our order. The order was placed in December of 2016.

It was decided not to participate in the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation. This was a voluntary program that would take up to 36 hours to complete.

NEW BUSINESS: The Personnel Policy was updated to include 1 hour of sick leave for every forty hours worked for part time help. This will become effective January 1st, 2018.

Ordinance 536, updating Water and Sewer connection fees was reviewed. A few changes are necessary before Council will approve it. Jeanette will make the changes and present it at the next meeting.

Einar reported that he had approved the application for the Lion's Club to have a Beer Garden at the Country Fair. Brent also presented the streets that the Country Fair Association was requesting being closed for the fair on the 23rd of September. Council approved them

Our Bond with TVI matures this week. Council decided to purchase a CD from a local bank instead of reinvesting the money.

Resolution 2017-99 regarding the division between funds of the payments for the USDA loan was discussed. Gene made the motion to approve and Dennis made the second. The resolution was approved.

In Budget discussion bulk water from the fill station will increase to \$15/1000 gallons

Fourteen water off notices were sent, two paid in full and the others made payments. One huge, outstanding bill from years back was paid in full!!!

October Adjusted Hours: (That I know of!)
October 3rd or 5th – Opening late (Blood draw)
October 5th – Thursday, Closing at 11:15

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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