January 2016 UTILITY BILL INSERT ALMIRA TOWN HALL -639-2601

February ADJUSTED HOURS Wednesday - February 10th – Closed 1 – 4 pm Thursday – February 11th – Closed Friday – February 12th – Closed Wednesday – February 17th – Closed Thursday – February 18th – Closed Thursday – February 25th – Closed 9 am – 11 am

PLEASE COME GET YOUR DOG TAGS IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY BOUGHT THEM.

SNOW PLOW GUIDELINES: Parking on the street is prohibited. Alleys must be kept at a 20' width. Please check your alleyway to make sure it is free and clear by removing all clutter, including all overgrown bushes, shrubs and trees. If a car is parked on the street the snow plow will not clear that side of the road. There will not be a second trip if the plow comes by before vehicles are moved. The same applies to parking in the alleys.

*Snowmobiles are permitted only on arterials, only at a slow speed, <u>only</u> <u>to get in and out of Town.</u>

*Leaving faucets turned on slowly during low temperatures can help avoid frozen pipes.

January Council Meeting: Rehab has been completed on Well #5. We will have a pump test and then have Lad Irrigation install the new pump.

Bids for the Main Street Sidewalk project will be opened on the 4th of February. Work will start as soon as weather permits.

We shut off four accounts in December for lack of payment. They all paid their balances plus the \$25 turn on fee.

Ordinance 526 - Utility Rates was approved and is included.

Ordinance 527 -Cemetery lots and columbarium niches will increase to \$500. Opening and Closing fees for infants or cremations will be lowered to \$260. The Fee to open/close a vault burial site on weekdays will be \$730, Saturdays an additional \$285 and Sunday and holidays an additional \$430.

We have received two applications for the open council position. Applicants will be asked to attend the February meeting for an interview. The new council member will be chosen and sworn in at the March meeting.

Two bids were received for the city spraying; Ag Link and Crop Production Services. The bid was awarded to Crop Production Services as they had the low bid.

Fifteen water off notices were sent with the December utility bills, one paid in full, one was turned off, payment made and back on; one turned off until full payment can be made. All others made the proper payments.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT HANDIWIPES, DIAPER WIPES, FEMININE PRODUCTS OR OTHER NON DISSOLVING PRODUCTS DOWN THE TOILET. THESE ITEMS DO NOT DISSOLVE PROPERLY AND CAUSE PROBLEMS AT THE SEWER LAGOONS. THANK YOU! **ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION:** Gina Boutain, 17 S 3rd, will be taking aluminum cans as a fundraiser for the class of 2018. You can leave them in her garage in the alley. Just pull the door up and throw them in. METERS WILL NOT BE READ AGAIN UNTIL THE END OF APRIL 2016 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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