# FEBRUARY 2018 UTILITY BILL INSERT ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

## **PURCHASE YOUR DOG TAGS.**

THE COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALES WILL BE APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2018. START YOUR SPRING CLEANING EARLY AND HAVE A YARD SALE. IT IS \$8 PER ADDRESS LISTED. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE YOUR OWN YOU CAN DONATE ITEMS TO THE ALMIRA LION'S CLUB/ALMIRA 4H YARDSALE.

CALL 509-641-2073. Sign up at Town Hall.

### UTILITY RATES WERE INCREASED 25 CENTS EACH FOR WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE. TOTAL INCREASE OF YOU BILL IS JUST UNDER \$1 PER MONTH

IF YOU HAVE ARE CONTINUALLY HAVING TOO MUCH TRASH FOR YOUR TRASH CAN WE CAN UPGRADE YOU TO THE NEXT SIZE. DO NOT, I REPEAT, DO NOT PUT YOUR TRASH IN SOMEONE ELSES CAN. THEN THEY DON'T HAVE ROOM FOR THEIR TRASH OR THEY ARE CHARGED EXTRA. BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS. DON'T BE A JERK!!

<u>February</u> 2018 COUNCIL MEETING: Jason Evers and Marvin Clinesmith were sworn in as our new Council Member!!!!

<u>NUISANCE REPORT:</u> Letters will go out the first of March for nuisance yards. Homeowners will be asked to attend the April  $10^{th}$  Council Meeting for Nuisance Hearings if their yards are not cleaned up by then.

<u>UPDATES BY STAFF:</u> Jeanette reported that she had called Shell Financial regarding the S. 3<sup>rd</sup> foreclosure property. They said the utility bills are still the responsibility of the homeowner until the foreclosure is final. A letter was also sent to Shell Financial. Jeanette will call again mid-March to check on the status of the foreclosure.

The final papers for the Loan/Grant from USDA have been sent in. They just need the minutes from the Public Hearing to finalize things.

We submitted and received a \$1295 grant from AWC RMSA for the trash pump that had been purchased.

Letters were sent to bulk water users regarding the increase in rates.

The Kabota tractor was sold for \$1300.

509 Properties has taken over a N. 6<sup>th</sup> property in foreclosure. They will be paying the utility bills for it.

We are required to update our Growth Management Ordinance. Don Brigham has offered to help again. We will receive a grant for \$2400 from Commerce for this purchase.

Several dog fine letters have been sent out.

Brent has been back and forth with the engineers on plans for the water project. He has set up a meeting to revise the current plans. Darrell has also reviewed them.

The total cost of the side by side and tractor from John Deere is going to be \$1200 less than predicted.

Water was turned off at a residence on S. 7<sup>th</sup> due to a broken water line under their house.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Gene revised the guidelines for the Revolving Loan Fund. Credit checks will be ran and the borrower will pay all fees related to the loan. Committee members are Gene Scammon, Marvin Clinesmith, Shawn Groh and Einar Larson.

Utility Rates were discussed at length. It was decided to be good stewards and stay proactive. Jason made the motion to increase water, sewer and garbage each 25 cents for a total bill increase of one dollar.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pay request from TD&H was presented and approved.

The Personnel Policy was updated regarding sick leave for part time workers. Some outdated parts were also eliminated.

### March Adjusted Hours: (Possible/Maybe) March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>

(I will be checking the payment box and mail daily. My grandkids are coming to town!!)

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

### <u>977-1218 – Brent Robertson</u>

639-2221 or 977-1217 - Darrell Francis 641-0942 - Mayor Einar Larson

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