

# **DECEMBER 2018 UTILITY BILL INSERT**

**ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601**

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019**

### **PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL BUDGET**

Marissa Siemens from TD & H was present to thank us for our business and deliver a Christmas basket of goodies.

**NUISANCE REPORT:** Darrell would like to send a letter to everyone that owns a vacant lot in Almira and have them mow them by April. The letters will be sent out early spring.

CP is going to work on rewording some of the ordinances to make them clearer.

**UPDATES BY STAFF:** Jeanette reported that she spent a lot of time on the budget in the last month.

We received a check from AWC RMSA to pay for the IACC Conference that Brent attended. \$185.

We are receiving a \$53,000 TIB grant for Maple Street.

The Cemetery Endowment is contributing \$4500 to the Cemetery fund this year. We have not received the check yet.

Brent reported that they had repaired a water leak on 2<sup>nd</sup> street.

We are getting \$2500 trade in for the old mower bringing the total we have to pay to \$7300. Brent got quotes from three vendors on the lawnmower. (RDO in Coulee City, Valley Tractor in Wenatchee and Washington Tractor in Quincy)

Dave and Brent completed the shop projects he had planned except for the windmills for the lagoons. There is a guy in Wilson Creek that is manufacturing the parts to repair them.

We have a burn permit to burn the brush pile at the dump. The date has not been determined.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dennis wanted to thank Jeanette publically for all of her hard work with the Auditors, getting it done quickly and timely as to save the Town money.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Personnel Policy will be changed to allow personnel to carry over 120 hours of vacation.

Ordinance #547 – Utility Rates for 2019 were approved.

Resolution #2018-113 – 2019 Salaries were approved.

Ordinance #549 – 2019 Budget was approved.

\$10,000 from each the Water and Sewer Funds will be transferred to reserve funds.

A survey was sent out in the last Utility Bill to see if people were willing to pay \$1 a month for the convenience of having a cardboard recycling bin in town. Currently the yes votes are barely ahead. If you haven't turned in your vote please stop in and do so.

Sunrise Disposal had sent a letter regarding the recent death of co-owner Dick Howe. They also realize our contract is up but will be sending us a new one without any rate increases.

Scott Sundean had brought over information regarding a possible Pistol Range at the old dump near Wilbur. Almira is part owner in the property. Council requested that Scott come to the next council meeting and present the idea and answer questions.

Cemetery Rates were reviewed and it was decided to leave them as they are.

RECYCLING BINS: They are taking tin cans, plastic and magazines. The Lion's Club has a shed for paper to go in. If you have aluminum cans for the Boy Scouts they can be left in bags back by the recycling bins.

**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, only to get in and out of Town.**

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

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**January adjusted hours:  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Closing at noon  
January 15<sup>th</sup> – Closing at noon  
January 21<sup>st</sup> – Closed - Holiday**

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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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