

APRIL 2019 UTILITY BILL INSERT
ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

DO NOT PUT BAGS OF TRASH WITH THE RECYCLING. YOU MUST SEPARATE THE ITEMS. PLASTIC IN ONE BIN, TIN IN ANOTHER AND CARDBOARD MILK CARTONS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE. PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OR WE WILL DISCONTINUE THIS SERVICE AS IT IS COSTING US TOO MUCH IN EXTRA FEES.

The Lion's Club Cleanup will be May 3rd and 4th. Each household is allowed one cubic yard of garbage to be picked up for free. If you have more they will take it depending on space available in the dumpsters, the charge is \$10/ cubic yard. Call Town Hall by May 2nd to get on the list.

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

THE CARBOARD BIN HIS HERE AND THE BINS HAVE BEEN MOVED OVER BY THE CITY SHOP.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The Public Hearing for the Closeout of the CDBG Water Improvement Grant was held April 19th.

Margie Hall – Lincoln County Economic Development Council – was present to discuss income studies. She explained that since HUD put out new figures Almira is no longer eligible for grants. They show the average income for Almira is \$60,000; we are at 41% poverty level. We have to be at 51% poverty level to be eligible for grants.

The only way to change this is to do our own Income Study to prove they are wrong. Options are Evergreen Rural for \$6000 and LCEDC for \$1500. The difference is Evergreen Rural has a lot of overhead and the EDC will do it for cost. They have successfully done income surveys for Odessa, Sprague and Harrington. We will do the IACC Income survey making us eligible for all funding. Evergreen Rural does a very detailed study and report, EDC does the bare bones report necessary for the study.

Everything is completely confidential. Each customer will be assigned a number. If you do not respond to the mailings you received Margie Hall will come knocking door to door to get your information. Joyce Mings, Almira, works at EDC but will not be helping out with the survey.. Only Margie will see it.

This survey is for the benefit of our community to receive more funding so please participate. We will start the process in May so watch for you letter in the mail.

Marvin made the motion to go with EDC, Jason made the second and council approved.

NUISANCE REPORT: Darrell reported that a few properties had been cleaning up.

UPDATES BY STAFF: Jeanette reported that she has spent a huge amount of time on the Annual Report.

The recycling bins have been switched out and the cardboard bin is here now. They have been moved over in the lots by the City Shop. Some people are leaving bags of just trash but overall it is going great. It has been posted on the bins and also on the Town's Facebook page that if country people want to use the bins they need to pay one dollar a month just like Almira citizens do.

We have talked with Sunrise Disposal and will be moving garbage pick-up out to the streets, out of the alleys. Their truck is really tearing up the alleys.

The final papers for the USDA grant are ready to mail in.

Brent has spent most of his time with the Water Line Project. Pressure testing and bacteria tests have passed. They are cleaning up and will be back when the asphalt company starts up.

OLD BUSINESS: **Personnel Evaluations:** Council members that haven't done so need to turn in their evaluations.

Nuisance Ordinance: Josh Grant had sent Jeanette changes to the nuisance ordinance. Jeanette had not got the changes typed up but will do so by the next meeting. Council agreed they also needed to work on clarification of the animal ordinance to avoid future problems.

NEW BUSINESS: **Storage Container:** Darrell has been looking into purchasing a 40 ft. storage container for storing pipe and different pieces of equipment in.

4-H ORV Fun Run: The 4-H are sponsoring a ORV Fun Run for a fundraiser, they will be using Ag Link as their home base. They wanted to make sure council was okay with it. Council didn't have any problems as most of the run will be out of the city limits.

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: Eight water off notices were sent, others either made payments or arrangements to pay

MAY adjusted hours:
May 10th – Closed
May 15th – Open at 11 a.m.
May 28th ish – Closed in the morning to read meters

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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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