### AUGUST 2019 UTILITY BILL INSERT ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

## DOGS ARE NOT TO BE RUNNING LOOSE. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS IN YOUR YARD.

#### IF YOU TAKE YOUR DOG OUT FOR A WALK AND IT POOPS ON THE SIDEWALK PLEASE PICK IT UP.

# DOGS ARE NOT TO BE IN EITHER OF THE PARKS. BOTH PARKS ARE POSTED NO PETS.

RECYCLING BINS: THE CARDBOARD BINS ARE FOR CORRUGATED CARDBOARD ONLY. NOT BEER OR POP BOXES. PLEASE BREAK THE BOXES DOWN SO MORE WILL FIT IN THE BINS. NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE PLASTIC BIN.

EARLY GARBAGE PICKUP WILL START OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.

THEY WILL START PICKING UP TOWN AT 6:30 A.M

**COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 

USDA is giving us \$5300 in grant funds for the lawnmower. After trade in we paid \$7433 for it.

USDA Backhoe and Engine payments have been made.

We have 116 homes to survey for the Income Study: They were unable to reach 11 after two mailings and two home visits, 8 declined to participate, six homes are vacant and 1 burned.

Brent said the generator at the lift station is fixed. It cost \$2600. He reminded Council that the generator is still 40 years old and we cannot get some of parts for it. He had previously got three bids with prices between \$22,000 and \$23,000. Since we have bought some time he would like to do more research before moving forward with replacing it and maybe see if there is some funding available.

On August 26<sup>th</sup> they will crack seal Maple Street. Then they will Chip Seal it next year.

Steve Marsh, TD & H, has put in an application for chip sealing 4<sup>th</sup> Street. TIB projects aren't determined until November.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Darrell and Einar reported on the Mayor's Meeting in Davenport. They are still discussing the coop between communities. Also there was much discussion on water systems.

We continually have problems with dogs at large. Numerous fines have been sent out, which they are paying but the problem still exists. Council encourages citizens to fill out a complaint form and to contact the landlord to see if he can resolve the problem. We will also contact the Sheriff's department for assistance.

The dog ordinance needs discussed and revamped. Council will work on it at a special meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August.

The Comprehensive Plan needs to continue with updates. Council will work on it also at the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Three building permits were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Steve Nelson with Century West Engineering has set us up with a Tech Team meeting at the IACC Conference in October to help find funding for sewer and water projects.

MRSC recommends the Town requires all utility bills to be in the landlord's name as they are ultimately responsible for the bill if the renter does not pay. Council agreed this was a good idea and will implement this into the Utility Ordinance. If the bill is already in your renter's name we will not require you to change.

**STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS:** Eleven water off notices were sent, two paid in full and the others made payments

#### SEPTEMBER adjusted hours: September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Closed for Labor Day September 5<sup>th</sup> – Opening at 10 a.m.

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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