

January 2020 UTILITY BILL INSERT

ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

FEBRUARY 2ND – LION’S CLUB SUPERBOWL PARTY

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER – 10 a.m. Must be 21

FEBRUARY 9TH – ALMIRA COMMUNITY CENTER BINGO

1:30 PM – Bring a snack to share, pop and water provided.

THE GARBAGE MAN REQUESTS THAT YOU PUT YOUR GARBAGE IN A TIED BAG BEFORE PUTTING IN THE TRUCK. IF IT IS NOT IN A BAG IT FLYS ALL OVER WHEN HE DUMPS THE CAN. IT TAKES TWICE AS LONG IF HE HAS TO STOP AND CLEAN UP TRASH IN THE STREET.

DOG TAGS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 28TH. AFTER THAT A \$10 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED.

THE SCRAP PILE/APPLIANCE PILE HAS BEEN PAINFULLY CLEANED UP. DO NOT, DO NOT DUMP ANYTHING THERE. GAME CAMERAS ARE ON!

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COUNCIL MEETING: COUNCIL POSITION #3 IS OPEN. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE APPLY BY THE FEBRUARY 11TH COUNCIL MEETING!!!

Mayor ProTem Jason Evers called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Jason resigned his council position that he has held for ten years to be sworn in as the new Mayor. Jeanette swore Jason in as Mayor and then Jimmy Braun and Levi Mitchell for their council positions.

INTERVIEW COUCIL CANDIDATES: Council interviewed two of the three candidates that had applied for the open council position; Natasha McCall and Cathy Florenzen. Tim Jennings had applied but was out of town.

NUISANCE REPORT: CP provided the nuisance report. The 2nd street properties had made some improvements but are getting worse again. The property owner is trying to help with clean up. With the assistance of Levi, April 1st will be when letters for cleanup will start being sent to everyone in town needing to clean up.

UPDATES BY STAFF: Jeanette reported spending lots of time with year-end and New Year paperwork.

Brent, Levi and Jeanette and Steve Nelson attended a meeting at the Department of Health in Spokane. They discussed what was needed to do our Small Water System Plan.

Brent has been busy plowing snow.

He has spent many hours on the Asset Management program. There is a lot of time involved in the mapping and details of every item but it will be an amazing program when it is completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Six Year Plan: Brent will provide the list that was given to the engineers and we will work on the plan at the February meeting.

Elected Officials Training: Jeanette will email the link provided by RMSA for the council members to complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2020-119- Amending for vacation carry over: The personnel policy states that employees can carry over a maximum of 120 hours. Jeanette has an additional 27 hours that she has requested to carry over. Approved..

Resolution 2020-120 – Salaries for 2020: Approved..

Ordinance 560 – Utility Rates for 2020: Rates for water will remain the same, sewer rates will go up \$2 and the surcharge will go to \$10 a month (no tax on this) and garbage rates will increase 35 cents for the smallest can and increase according to can size.

Boy Scout box for Aluminum cans: Scout Jeremy Pinar had previously approached Jason about the boy scouts building a box to contain aluminum can donations for them. It will be placed over by the recycling bins and placed on a pallet for ease or relocating.

Council discussed purchasing laptops for each Council member and the mayor and also get them council emails. This way all council business will be on a council device and all emails will go to their council email and everything will stay separate from their personal business. Maximum cost to be \$2500.

BUILDING PERMITS: One inquiry from a resident for the placement of a 20 foot shipping container for storage. The container would be painted to match the other buildings. Council approved as long as the container was placed according to set backs and not too close to a meter box.

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: Thirteen water off notices were sent out one was turned off for lack of payment and communication and all others made payments.

Council chose Natasha McCall for the empty council seat. She will start at the February council meeting.

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**

February adjusted hours:

February 17th – Closed – Holiday

February 19th – closing at noon

February 20th – 21st - Closed

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

977-1217 – Darrell Francis

1-509-770-5604 – Mayor Jason Evers

FEBRUARY 11TH , 7 PM – COUNCIL MEETING