

February 2020 UTILITY BILL INSERT

ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

ALMIRA COMMUNITY YARD SALES WILL BE APRIL 18TH

LET JEANETTE KNOW IF YOU WANT YOU SALE LISTED: \$8

If you do not want to have your own sale and have items to get rid of the Lion's Club/4-H club will take your donations for their sale.

LION'S CLUB CLEAN UP : MAY 1ST

EVERY RESIDENT IS ALLOWED TO HAVE ONE CUBIC YARD OF GARBAGE PICKED UP FOR FREE. EACH ADDITIONAL YARD WILL COST \$15. NO APPLIANCES. NO YARD WASTE. SIGN UP AT TOWN HALL BY APRIL 30TH.

Jeanette swore Natasha McCall in to her newly appointed Council Position #4

Steve Bechtol was here to discuss the possibility of bringing his internet service to town. Jason has been working on bringing an internet business to town that is much faster than the options we have now. After more details are worked out there will be a public meeting at the community center for people to ask questions.

INTERVIEW COUCIL CANDIDATES: Council interviewed two candidates that had applied for the council position #3, Marvin Clinesmith resigned his position after the last council meeting; Cathy Florenzen and Randy Sheckler applied for the position. Cathy was later chose for the position.

NUISANCE REPORT: CP will start sending letters out next week to nuisance yards since the weather seems to be improving and clean up can begin.

UPDATES BY STAFF: Jeanette has had a conversation with Sunrise Disposal about the possibility of them providing recycling bins for the town. Sunrise has bins in Grand Coulee which prompted Jeanette to look into it for Almira.

We have had more dog issues, dogs running at large and getting into trash. This led into a lengthy discussion about dog issues and more fines being sent out.

We have been awarded \$50,000 from the Department of Ecology to make our General System Plan for Sewer. This is 50% grant and 50% low interest loan.

“Special haul vehicle” signs have been placed on one bridge that will allow these vehicles.

We have changed the town’s email to almiratownhall@gmail.com. It is time to move on from the televar email.

Brent reported that the truck has been in the shop for service and an oil change. Additional work was recommended so it was discussed whether to have Brent do it or pay an additional \$1000 to have the dealer do it. Jimmy said he could help Brent on a Friday with the project.

Dave and Brent got their pesticide licenses over the winter..

He will be attending a WETRC conference in March to get required CEU’s. Darrell is attending the Evergreen Rural Conference the end of this month.

We have scheduled with the county for the chip sealing on Maple Street. There is not a firm date but we are on the schedule. Crack sealing will be done on 4th street this year to prep for the chip sealing on it next year. Both projects are TIB grants.

OLD BUSINESS: Elected Officials Training: Natasha and CP completed their training, the link will be sent to Levi, Jimmy and whoever is chose to fill the vacated seat.

NEW BUSINESS: Scholarships and Grants: The Town received \$5500 in Risk Management grants for the speed bump and laptops for council. We also have scholarship approval for Darrell and Brent's conferences, ERWOW enhanced membership and annual report classes for Jeanette. This funding comes from our Insurance Company.

Credit Card Payments: Brent and Jeanette have been doing some research on how to be able to take credit and debit card payments without any cost to the town. At the recommendation of numerous communities they were sent to Certified Payments. The customer pays the 2.5% transaction fees. Once it is completed you can pay through the website or come into the office.

Back Up Emergency Council Contact for EDC: The EDC needed contact information for the Emergency Public Works Plan within the county operators. Levi volunteered to be that person.

Ordinance 560 – Unfit dwellings: Josh Grant has reviewed the ordinance and made suggestions, Jeanette made the changes and now council needs to review it and see if they want to make any changes. Josh will give the final approval and it will be put into force. Council will discuss it again at the next meeting.

Laptops: All of the laptops have been set up as well as individual council emails. It was also suggested that if an email is sent out that we send a group text merely stating to read their email.

Lincoln County Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Hazard Mitigation plan was presented to council. Lincoln County Sheriff received a \$40,000 grant to help pay for the plan. It was just approved by FEMA and now each community needs to approve it.

Lion's Club Clean Up: Every year the Town pays the Lion's Club to do a community clean up. Each resident it allowed 1 cubic yard for free. They may put out additional garbage at a fee to be paid to the Lion's Club.

Utility Deposit: For numerous years the Utility Deposit has been \$150, enough to cover a bill if the customer didn't pay upon moving away. Since the majority of the bills are more than \$150 it was discussed whether we should increase the amount of the utility deposit. CP made the motion to increase the fee to \$160.

Appoint Mayor Pro Tem: Since Jason, previous Mayor Protem, was elected as Mayor we needed to appoint a new one. Little discussion was needed to appoint CP Ferris. The Mayor Protem Changes every six months

March adjusted hours:

March 5th – Open at 10:30 a.m

March 17th – Closed

March 19th – 27th – Closed for Grandma Camp

(I will be available for cash payments if needed and will check the payment box and emails most days.

You can call to set up a time to meet at 509-641-2073)

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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

1-509-770-5604 – Mayor Jason Evers

1-509-977-1217 – Darrell Francis

March 10th , 7 PM – COUNCIL MEETING